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Community Updates

Neighborhoods have changed over the years. In the past, people brought baskets of sandwiches or fruit to the new people on the block. Sometimes they offered to help with a project. A welcome lady would stop by for coffee and leave a list of important numbers. Neighbors shared tools and garden equipment so everyone didn't have to go out and buy expensive items that they wouldn't use often.

All neighborhoods have their own personalities. Some tend to be more open to street parties and socializing, while others are made up of people who prefer to stay to themselves. Regardless of the type of neighborhood you live in, there are still some basic etiquette rules you should follow to be a good neighbor. The ultimate goal is to live in peace and harmony, and even though that's not always possible, you can at least do whatever it takes to prevent hostilities and long-lasting hard feelings. Follow these tips on how to be a good neighbor.



Noise

No one expects you to be quiet as a mouse, but you should also respect certain basic rules when it comes to making too much noise. A lot depends on where you live, what type of dwelling you occupy, and the habits of your neighbors. Noise acceptability on a street filled with young families is different from an apartment building occupied by single twenty-somethings. Follow some basic noise etiquette rules:

- Mowing the lawn at 7:00 on a Saturday morning will not endear you to your neighbors. Wait until at least 10:00 a.m.

- Don't honk your horn every time you pull into your driveway.

- Sitting outside on a warm summer night with your spouse or friend is wonderful, but if your house is on a small lot, and the neighbor's bedroom window is close, it's rude to hold a long conversation on the back porch past 10 p.m. Take it inside so your neighbor can sleep.

- Avoid all unnecessary noise from any source from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. This includes revving car engines, children riding scooters, loud voices, and whatever else may wake someone from a sound sleep.

Being a Good Neighbor

- Follow the "Golden Rule" to be a good neighbor. These are people you are likely to see every day, or at least fairly often. You don't want to have to lower your head in shame after you know you've misbehaved. This can include:

- Observe and respect your neighbor's personal space.

- Be mindful if you borrow anything. Return the item immediately after using it. If you break the item, pay to fix it or replace it.

- Don't be the neighborhood gossip.

- If you have an issue with a neighbor, go directly to that person and discuss it in an adult manner. Don't call the cops unless you are threatened.

- Not everyone is a dog or cat lover, so show responsibility for your pets. Keep them off the neighbor's lawn and pick up after them.

Remember your neighbors during the holidays with a card or small homemade gift and don't expect anything in return. Enjoy the act of giving.

If you and a neighbor have a misunderstanding, make an extra effort to make things right by shaking hands and at least being on friendly terms. You don't have to hang out. A simple wave as you pull into the driveway is sufficient.

If your neighborhood has a homeowners association, know the rules and follow them.

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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

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

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Curb Appeal

A good neighbor is one who maintains the exterior of the house and lawn to the same level as the rest of the neighborhood. You don't want your house to be the one on the street that drags down the value of homes. If you can't mow your own lawn, hire a neighbor's child or lawn service to keep it tidy. Basic exterior maintenance tips include:

- Mow the lawn.
- Remove mold from the exterior walls and paint when necessary.
- Make sure that trees, shrubs, and other elements don't creep into your neighbor's yard. This includes tree limbs, spreading shrubs, and weeds.
- Remove all bicycles, skateboards, and toys from the front yard at the end of the day.

Social Events

You might be a party animal, and that's just fine as long as you don't intrude or impose on your neighbors. An occasional late-night blast might be forgiven, but all-night parties every single weekend can make you a rude neighbor. Be respectful of your neighbors when you throw a party. Follow good neighbor guidelines:

- Ask your guests to park in the driveway or in front of your house. Make sure they don't block someone else's driveway or use another resident's designated spot in an apartment complex lot.
- Obey noise ordinance laws. If a neighbor calls or comes over and asks you to pipe down, be friendly and apologize. Then quiet down.
- Invite the neighbors to your big parties. Doing so shows friendliness on your part, and they'll have a much better feeling about you than if they weren't invited and had to listen to the sound of your guests having fun.

Welcome New Neighbors

Neighbors can make a new family feel welcome by stopping by for a friendly introduction. This enriches the lives of new neighbors as well as those who have lived there for a while. Ideas to welcome new neighbors include:

- Introduce yourself as soon as you can. Give the new neighbors your phone number.
- Deliver meals and treats.
- Hand-deliver a bouquet of fresh-cut flowers from your garden.
- Offer to have the new neighbors' children over while the moving van is unloading the furniture.
- Give the new family a list of services and phone numbers in the area. Include emergency services, doctors' offices, dentists, schools, places that offer carryout, dry cleaners, and whatever else you can think of.
- Have a block party once a year to get to know all the new neighbors.
- When people make an effort to be a good neighbor by following proper etiquette, everyone will have a sense of well-being, knowing you are all surrounded by friends. The neighborhood will be more appealing, and you'll be more content in your home. An extra benefit is knowing that you and your neighbors will look out for each other and are available for help.

Community Updates Part 2

Hello RiverPark West! We are excited to update you on all of the changes occurring within your community.

On Friday, May 17th we will be showing Black Panther during movie night on the lawn with a giant inflatable screen! Bring your blankets and families to enjoy the movie with popcorn and drinks provided by the association.

Splash Day will kick off the 2019 pool season and feature a live DJ, snow cones, bounce house and more! Make plans to join us on June 8th at the Recreation Center and have fun with the whole family.

Our fence installation is underway and looking great! If you have any questions regarding installation they can be directed to the community coordinator, Dee Norman, at rpwcoordinator@gmail.com or 346-333-5279. Please do not enter any area that is currently under construction or disturb the crew as this creates safety issues. Houston Fence Company will continue to deliver construction notices directly to homeowners in advance of starting in their section.

Power washing at the Recreation Center, pool, clubhouse and parking lot was completed in April and provided a much needed face lift to these common areas. We also received new flowers and mulch throughout the community and are in the process of replacing shrubs and trees that have died off over the years. We appreciate your patience while our landscapers work to enhance the beauty of the community.

We are happy to introduce Greater Houston Pool Management as our new pool company, and are looking forward to Splash Day (Coming June 8th) and movie nights at the pool. The pool schedule has been posted across multiple platforms such as Townsquare (Your official communication method), Nextdoor and Facebook for your convenience. Replacement amenity cards are available at the clubhouse office Tuesday-Thursday from 10AM-5PM for a fee of \$25 (check/money order only). New residents receive the first card for free.

The parking petition to prohibit overnight parking of commercial vehicles within the community was approved by the Commissioner's court on 4/2, and we are currently awaiting the sign installation. Thank you to all who signed and assisted in obtaining the necessary signatures!

Going forward, deed restrictions will be strictly enforced with emphasis on proper lawn maintenance and removal of disabled vehicles. If your property is in violation of a deed restriction, you will receive a letter advising you of the time frame to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected per instruction, it will be escalated and corrected on behalf of the homeowner. Any fines/cost to remedy will be billed directly to the home owner.

As always we are happy to answer any questions or address concerns you may have. Thank you for your dedication to keeping RiverPark West a beautiful and fun place to call home!

Need to Reserve the Clubhouse?

To make a reservation, please login at RiverParkWest.NabrNetwork.com



- Click on Log In.
- New to the website? Click on “Need to Register?”
- Once signed in, go to the “For Residents” Tab – Reservations – Make a Reservation.
- Review the calendar to find a date that works for you.
- To reserve a time slot, click on the time you want for your event (include set up time) and drag down the cursor to when your event will end (include clean up time). Maximum reserve time is 8 hours.

Complete the on-line reason for reservation box to hold your event date and time. You are required to read the Clubhouse Rules & Rental Contract. The rental rules and contract must

be completed and submitted to the clubhouse office to receive approval along with payment of \$50.00 for the rental fee and a payment of \$275.00 security deposit which is refundable.

Make sure you have your pool access card. This card will be your key for the clubhouse.

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.



POOL SCHEDULE

May 27 - May 31
Monday-Friday- Closed
Saturdays & Sundays- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

June 1- June 7
Monday-Friday- Closed
Saturdays & Sundays- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

June 8- August 25
Mondays- Closed
Tuesday-Sunday- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

August 26- September 2
Monday-Friday- Closed
Saturdays & Sundays- 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Exceptions: Monday, September 2 (Labor Day) 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

September 3- September 29
Monday-Friday- Closed
Saturdays & Sundays- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM



Residents of Riverpark West POA

Welcome to TownSquare!

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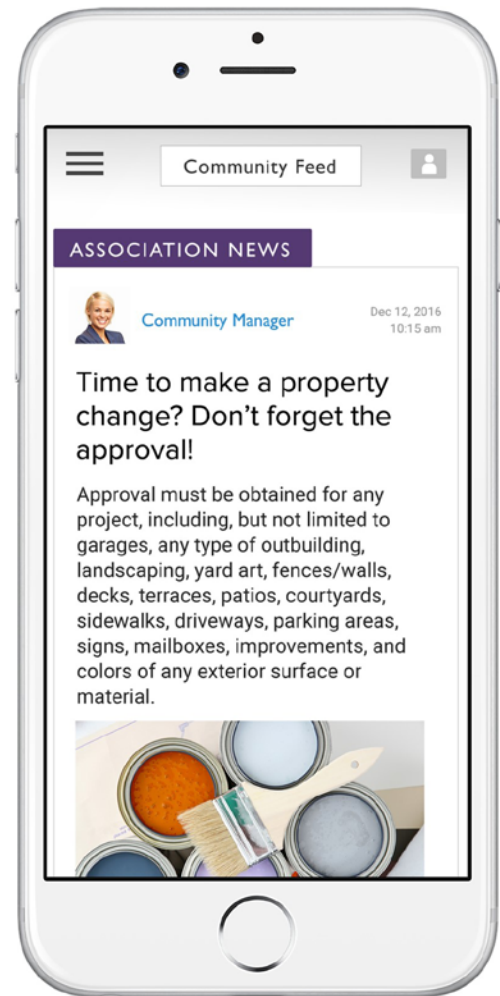
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- Find POA documents, forms and events information
- Find contact information for the POA management company
- Post lost & found and watch alerts to the neighborhood
- Connect with your neighbors to share recommendations

Multiple ways to join:

- Text "**Townsquare**" to 59248 and receive a text back with a mobile app download link
- Search for the mobile app "TownSquare by Inframark" in Google Play store
- Go to riverparkwest.nabrnetwork.com

If you haven't received a welcome email, use the new registration button 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.com).



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Do you want to see & participate in more community activities? Community Associations thrive on volunteers and there are many volunteer opportunities available. The dedication and skills of volunteers are an invaluable commodity. Find out how you can help and make yourself at home! If you would like to participate, please email rpwcoordinator@gmail.com.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Help keep our community beautiful and participate in Yard of the Month which will resume in February. This is your chance to hold the title of one of the best yards in RiverPark West. Each yard will be judged in the following categories: Shrubs, Trees, Flowerbeds, Lawn Accents and Overall Appearance. Monthly winners will receive a gift card to a home improvement store as well as the honor of displaying the YOTM sign.

SOCCER CLUB

This club is an organization whose purpose is to develop individual and team soccer excellence in order to compete at the highest level each individual and team is capable of for those children under the age of 8. If interested email Coach Wendell, geeman32@gmail.com or join the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2040440646278121/>.

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Most female mosquitoes require a blood meal for egg production whereas males feed on nectar and do not bite. Eggs are laid on the surface of water or in dry locations that can be flooded by water. Eggs laid in dry locations can remain dormant under for several months. Eggs hatch into larvae, or wigglers. Mosquito larvae live in water and feed on organic debris or microscopic plants and animals. Larvae molt into pupae which are non-feeding. Mosquito pupae spend the majority of their time at the surface of the water, only moving when disturbed.

Many things can help to reduce mosquito problems around the home. Since three of the four life stages of mosquitoes are in or near water, it is best to eliminate all sources of standing water. Containers such as watering cans, buckets and bottles can turn into mosquito breeding grounds. Water should be drained from birdbaths, gutters, flowerpots and pet dishes at least once a week. Children's wading pools should be emptied of water at least once a week and stored so they cannot collect water when not in use. Tree holes should be filled in with sand or mortar, or drained after each rain. Leaky faucets and pipes located outside should be repaired.

Areas that cannot be drained, such as ponds or large rain collection systems, can be stocked with fish that eat mosquito larvae. Dunks can also be used in these areas. Dunks are a small, donut-shaped

product that contains *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israeliensis*. The donut disrupts the life cycle of the mosquito and is non-toxic to humans, amphibians and fish.

Avoiding outdoor activities during peak mosquito hours is the best method to avoid being bitten. When outside, wear loose-fitting, light colored clothing with long sleeves & long pants. Repellants containing active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-methane-diol (PMD), or 2-undecanone can be effective to keep mosquitoes from biting when evening activities cannot be rescheduled.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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