

# RIVER PARK WEST

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## COMMUNITY UPDATES HELLO RIVERPARK WEST!



Thank you to all who came out to join us for Movie Night Under The Stars! Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and we were unable to view the movie, however we will show it during our first summer movie night at the pool. We hope you will be able to join us for some family fun in the pool during one of our favorite summer events.

We kicked off swim season with Splash Day on June 8th with over 300 residents in attendance who enjoyed BBQ from Big 6, two inflatable water slides, great music from our DJ, snow cones, cotton candy, face painting and awesome pool games with prizes!

We would like to thank all of our volunteers for once again stepping up and helping us pull everything together. A very special thanks to our Events Chair Nikki Mag for planning and executing such a memorable and fun filled event for everyone to enjoy. We hope that you and your families

will continue to join us and see the fun things she has planned for us through the end of the year!

Amenity Access Cards are available at the clubhouse office Tuesday-Thursday from 10AM-5PM. Replacements/tenant cards are \$25 (check/money order only, lease required for tenants). New homeowners receive their first card at no charge.

Use of your community pool is exclusively for residents and their guests- No unaccompanied guests may be allowed use of your amenity card. Violation of this policy will result in termination of access for the remainder of the year and forfeiture of any payments made for access cards.

Join us for Taco Tuesday on July 9th from 6-8 p.m. at the Recreation Center. This is an ADULTS ONLY event where you can enjoy some delicious tacos, great conversation and adult beverages with your fellow neighbors.

Your Annual Meeting will be held on July 22nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Irma Dru Hutchison Elementary School, located at 3602 Williams Way Blvd. Additional information will be posted on Townsquare for your convenience. We are excited to host our guest speakers and provide important updates and information about the community, hope to see you there!



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### COMMUNITY WEBSITE

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Tiffany Chen - President

Larry Wilson - Vice President

Lola Wilkerson - Secretary/Treasurer



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**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.fortbendcountytexas.gov](http://www.fortbendcountytexas.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

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## 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.

## BECOME A RIVERPARK WEST VOLUNTEER!

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](mailto: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](mailto:geeman32@gmail.com) or join the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2040440646278121/>.

## Yard Of The Month

Congratulations to the RiverPark West Yard of The Month winners for June! 2306 Coleridge Ct. and 22115 Crossbridge Ln.

The winners each received a \$25 gift card in appreciation of their hard work and dedication in keeping RPW beautiful.



## BECOME A RIVERPARK WEST VOLUNTEER!

JULY 3- CHICAGO  
JULY 20- JAMES CHARLES  
JULY 27- MONSTA X  
JULY 28- PAPA ROACH

AUGUST 8- CLINT BLACK & TRACE ADKINS  
AUGUST 14- AN EVENING WITH LYLE LOVETT  
AUGUST 24- THE B-52S  
AUGUST 29- RASCAL FLATTS

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## Frosted Sugar & Spice Cookies



### Ingredients

- |                               |                                    |
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| -2 cups all-purpose flour     | -1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar |
| -1 teaspoon baking powder     | -2 egg yolks                       |
| -1/2 teaspoon baking soda     | -5 ounces cream cheese, softened   |
| -1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon | -1 teaspoon orange zest            |
| -1/4 teaspoon salt            | -1 teaspoon vanilla extract        |
| -1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg   | Simple White Frosting (Below)      |
| +1/3 cup butter, softened     | -Red and blue sprinkles            |
| -1/2 cup granulated sugar     |                                    |

### How to Make It

- Stir together first 6 ingredients in a bowl.
  - Beat butter and next 3 ingredients at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add cream cheese, orange zest, and vanilla; beat until well blended. Gradually add flour mixture, beating at low speed until blended.
  - Divide dough in half, shaping into 2 flattened disks. Cover with plastic wrap, and chill 2 to 24 hours.
  - Preheat oven to 350°. Place 1 dough disk on a floured surface. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness; cut with a 4-inch star-shaped cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Repeat procedure with remaining dough disk.
  - Bake at 350° for 8 to 10 minutes or just until edges are lightly browned. Cool on baking sheets 3 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack, and let cool 30 minutes or until completely cool.
  - Spread cookies with a thin layer of Simple White Frosting; top with sprinkles.
- Note: To make ahead, prepare recipe as directed through Step Freeze cookies in a heavy-duty zip-top plastic freezer bag up to 1 month. Thaw completely at room temperature before icing.

### Simple White Frosting

#### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups powdered sugar, divided
- 4 tablespoons milk, divided

#### How to Make It

Beat butter, salt, 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, and 3 Tbsp. milk at medium speed with an electric mixer until blended. Gradually beat in remaining powdered sugar and milk.

## SUMMER BLACKBERRY MOJITO RECIPE

This beautiful mojito is made with fresh summer blackberries, lime juice, mint, rum and club soda.

### INGREDIENTS

#### BLACKBERRY SIMPLE SYRUP

- 1 cup water
- 3/4 - 1 cup granulated sugar
- 8 oz. fresh blackberries

#### MOJITO

- 3-4 fresh mint leaves, torn
- 1 1/2 - 2 oz blackberry syrup
- 1/2 oz lime juice
- 1 1/2 oz white rum
- 2 oz club soda
- lime slices
- mint leaves
- fresh raspberries



### INSTRUCTIONS

#### MAKE BLACKBERRY SIMPLE SYRUP

1. Add water, sugar and blackberries to a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over MED heat. Once boiling, reduce heat to a high simmer, and simmer for about 10 minutes or so.
2. Remove pan from heat and smash blackberries in the syrup with a potato masher. Let cool 10-20 minutes, then pour syrup through a fine mesh sieve into a bowl. Use a rubber spatula to push on the blackberry "mush" to get as much liquid out as you can.
3. Discard blackberry pulp and store simple syrup in a sealed container in the refrigerator. If kept sealed and refrigerated, simple syrup should last up to 3 weeks or so.

#### MAKE THE MOJITO

1. To serving glass, add torn mint leaves and muddle lightly, about 6 turns with the muddler. This step is optional. Add blackberry simple syrup, ice, lime juice and rum. Stir together to combine.
2. Top drink off with club soda and garnish with a lime slice, blackberry or two, and sprig of mint.

### RECIPE NOTES

#### To Make For a Crowd:

Multiply drink ingredient amounts by the number of people to be served. Add blackberry simple syrup, lime juice and rum to a small pitcher and stir together well.

In individual serving glasses, add torn mint and ice. Pour drink mixture over the ice until glass is filled up about 1/2 to 2/3 of the way. Top off with club soda and garnish if desired.

# A Few Days in the Life of a Home Handyman

*by: Gordon R. Watson*

## DRIPPING FAUCETS

Vacationing at my mother-in-law's home always means doing some repair work. I like keeping busy, and there are generally some things needing attention. One of the recent issues there was a dripping kitchen faucet. Drips are really a thing of the past for most faucets. Happily, ceramic has replaced rubber as the seal, so most faucet manufacturers have a lifetime warranty of one sort or another. I gave her my standard verbal disclaimer (that her home's piping is old and something might break and require a real plumber). So far, I have never had to resort to calling one (knock on wood). I turned off the main water supply outside because her 1950's home doesn't have shut off valves (called stops in the trade) beneath the kitchen sink. Outside, after digging a hole in a flower planter to find the shut off valve, I gently advised her not to bury the main shut off valve because it wasn't designed to be buried, and it might be difficult to find quickly. In the kitchen again, fully expecting the old style rubber washers, I removed the kitchen faucet handle, protected the shiny chrome with masking tape, applied a wrench, and removed the faucet stem. To my surprise, the sink faucet did have new-style ceramic style seals. The problem, it turned out, was that debris, probably from her home's aging and rusting (50+ year old) galvanized pipes, had stuck in the ceramic cartridge, causing the seal to be incomplete. Fortunately, once I cleaned the debris out, the drip went away. I love it when I don't have to buy parts for a repair. The fact that the old piping is obviously corroding and slowly failing is another story for another time. Replacing that piping almost certainly will require a real plumber. Sometime I might mention to her that it might be a good idea to replace the old pipe on her schedule rather than the pipe's schedule.

## CORROSION

Her home also has a clothesline (not all that common these days) which had all but fallen over. The old clothesline was the old style with two "crosses" each cross with a two-inch galvanized pipe stuck in concrete (with five ropes for holding the clothes). Over time, these pipes rusted away. The funny thing is that the pipes really only rusted in one place: about two inches above the ground and two inches below the ground. The remaining pipe was in near-perfect condition. Even the pipes buried twenty-four inches in the ground were near-perfect! My point in mentioning this is that this corrosion is caused by moisture and oxygen. While we will likely never have a clothesline, the principle applies to all materials such as iron and wood placed in the ground and prone to rust or wood rot. While there is little we can do about oxygen, to the degree

feasible, we should try to keep water away from anything placed in the ground. Better yet, when feasible, avoid putting anything which can rust or rot directly in the ground.

## STUD FINDERS

Over the years, I have owned at least three electronic stud finders. These are the devices that are supposed to locate the wooden or metal studs behind the sheet rock. My history with them hasn't been trouble-free. My last one worked fairly well for a few years, but it recently proudly advised me that the closet wall I wanted to attach a shelf to, had no studs. I now have three "broken" stud finders in my tool box. I promise to properly dispose of them soon. Fortunately, while doing some work at my son and daughter-in-law's home, I found (in my son's tool chest) a non-electric, entirely rare earth magnet-type "stud finder" that works so well that I don't think I will ever go back to the electronic type. It is made by C.H. Hanson. Of course, it only indirectly finds the stud. It finds the nails or screws holding the sheet rock to the stud. At about \$10, it is a bargain. I just bought one for myself, and believe it may be the last I ever have to buy (unless I lose it, of course). Hint: Once a stud is found, you can apply painter's tape (masking) tape (not too tight or you may strip away the paint) to the stud location, or you can place another magnet on the nail location as a marker.





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## ADDING YOGA TO YOUR WORKOUT CAN IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

Implementing yoga into a workout routine can provide unique health benefits, said a Baylor College of Medicine physician and yoga enthusiast.

Yoga is a broad philosophy containing many different paths to achieve the goal of physical, mental and spiritual well-being, said Dr. Bobby Kapur, assistant professor of medicine at BCM and associate chief for emergency medicine at the Harris County Hospital District's Ben Taub General Hospital. In physical fitness, yoga is the practice of physical postures and breathing exercises that allow a person to strengthen the body and at the same time enter a meditative and relaxed state of awareness.

Yoga entails various positions, stretching and deep breathing. Practicing yoga can help a person improve flexibility, balance, limberness, blood circulation, and it can also relax muscle tension and fight infection, Kapur said.

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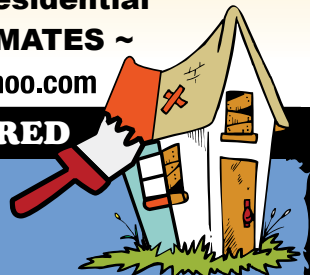
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- Connect with your neighbors to share recommendations

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- Search for the mobile app "TownSquare by Inframark" in Google Play store
- Go to [riverparkwest.nabrnetwork.com](http://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](mailto:support@nabrnetwork.com)).



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