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COMMUNITY UPDATE



GREETINGS RIVER PARK WEST!

Phase two of the fence project is currently under way and we expect to have the South side of Ransom Road complete by the third week of June. Installation will continue down the North side of Ransom Road, with expected completion at the end of summer.

Our annual board meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th with the location to be announced based on CDC recommendations and virus statistics as we approach the event date. If the meeting will be held by video/teleconference, call in information will be provided via Nabr Network (Graham GO), Nextdoor and our community Facebook page approximately one week in advance.

While many are taking advantage of the time at home by

completing home improvement projects, please remember that any changes to the exterior of your home need to be submitted via the ARC application prior to beginning. The form is available online at www.riverparkwestonline.org, and I'm happy to answer questions and help you get started.

As many of you know, due to the Coronavirus our pool opening has been delayed. We are working with the pool management company to obtain certified guards, implement new safety and cleanliness standards, and modify the capacity, hours, and requirements for pool use this summer. We will continue to update the community as new information becomes available.

As always, we hope you and your family are staying safe, don't forget your masks!

Riverpark West

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BOARD INFORMATION

Tiffany Chen - President

Larry Wilson - Vice President

Jorge Diaz - Secretary/Treasurer

Board Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every other month with open to the public for all homeowners at 7pm. 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.

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

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

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

Need to Reserve the Clubhouse?

• To make a reservation, please contact your Community Coordinator, Dee Norman at 346-380-9743 or via email- rpwcoordinator@gmail.com

• To reserve a time slot please submit your name, property address, date/time of rental (please include set up time and clean up time) Maximum reserve time is 10 hours, last 5 digits of your access card and event type.

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.

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Asian Giant Hornets

What headline can draw people away from thoughts of the current state of the world and Coronavirus? That would be MURDER HORNETS! I cannot think of a more sensationalized headline, so kudos to whomever came up with that attention grabber. This headline is popping up everywhere from social media outlets, television, newspapers, and others. Quite frankly, it makes me cringe each time I see it. Asian giant hornets (AGH) are *Vespa mandarinia* NOT "murder" hornets. If you want to use a common name instead of the scientific name, then call them by the correct common name of Asian giant hornet.

Asian giant hornets are large, around 2 inches in length, with an orangish head, brown antennae (the base of the antennae are yellow-orange), brown to black eyes and ocelli (simple, dot-like eyes located between the compound eyes). Their thorax is dark brown with greyish wings and the abdomen has alternating bands of brownish-black and yellow-orange.

Asian giant hornets are capable of inflicting a painful sting. Please note that while the sting can lead to death in some cases, it is not what typically happens. People are also capable of receiving painful stings from insects already here in Texas such as honey bees, paper wasps, yellowjackets, or even fire ants and some can die from being stung. Death by insect sting usually depends upon the number of stings and how your body chemistry reacts to venom injected by the insect. Asian giant hornets are capable of killing other insects, including honey bees and other pollinators, but they are not doing this to be vicious or killing for sport. The hornets use insects they kill as food for their larvae....just like other wasps that we have here in Texas.

We do not currently have Asian giant hornets in Texas. If you think you have these wasps, then please send samples or images to me for identification as Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are identifying any items of concern for our clientele.

Some insects that may be confused with AGH to the untrained eye:

Paper wasps are reddish brown in color & sometimes have

yellow markings on their bodies and are ½-1 inches in length. Paper wasps make paper-like nests out of chewed wood fiber that have open cells and hang from a single stalk.



Paper wasps on paper nest.



Cicada killer wasp on redbud.

Yellowjackets are yellow & black in color and are ½ in length. Bald-faced hornets are a type of yellowjacket. These wasps also make a paper-like nest, but it is enclosed with a single opening.

Cicada killer wasps have a reddish head and thorax with an abdomen that alternates with yellow and black markings. These wasps reach 1 ½ inches in length. Cicada killers burrow into the ground, so you may see holes left behind from their digging.

FACTS about Asian giant hornets in North America

1. A colony was found late last year (September 2019) in Nanaimo, British Columbia on Vancouver Island. The colony was located and destroyed.
2. A sighting and dead specimen was found in Washington state in December 2019 in Blaine, WA. This was the first reported sighting of the Asian giant hornet in the U.S.
3. It is currently unknown how the hornets entered the U.S. and genetic testing leads to the conclusion that the hornets found in BC & WA are two separate introductions.
4. Agencies are currently monitoring & trapping with lures to discover any queens or workers. They are talking about attaching radio tracking devices to captured wasps to track them back to their nest.

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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Haloumi Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 250g pkt pearl couscous
- 2 x 250g pkts haloumi sliced
- 1 tablespoon Moroccan spice mix
- 2 zucchini, sliced
- 250g cherry tomato medley, halved
- 1/2 cup fresh continental parsley leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, torn
- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 2 tablespoons Greek yoghurt
- 1 small garlic clove, crushed
- 1 lemon, rind finely grated, juiced
- 2 tablespoons pomegranate arils or
- 1 pomegranate, arils removed
- 2 wholemeal pita breads, toasted, torn

METHOD

• Step 1

Cook couscous in a saucepan of boiling water following packet directions. Drain.

• Step 2

Meanwhile, pat haloumi dry with paper towel. Sprinkle with spice mix. Spray a non-stick frying pan with oil. Heat pan over medium heat. Cook haloumi 1-2 minutes each side or until golden. Set aside. Spray pan with oil again. Cook zucchini 1-2 minutes until just coloured.

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How to prepare haloumi

• Step 3

Combine couscous, zucchini, tomatoes, parsley and mint in a large bowl. Season well. Combine tahini, yoghurt, garlic and lemon rind in a small bowl. Season. Add lemon juice to taste.

• Step 4

Divide salad among serving bowls or arrange on a platter. Top with haloumi and pomegranate. Drizzle with dressing. Serve with pita.

Low Carb Burger Bowls

INGREDIENTS

- 8 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 2 1/2 c. shredded cheddar
- 2 lb. lean ground beef
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Ranch dressing, for serving
- Chopped chives, for serving
- Bread and butter pickles, for serving

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400°. In a medium bowl, toss the bacon with the cheddar cheese.
2. Coat a 12-cup muffin tin with cooking spray. Season beef with salt and pepper. Add a small handful of beef to each muffin tin, then press up the sides to create a cup. Divide the bacon-and-cheese mixture evenly among the cups.
3. Roast until beef is cooked through and cheese is melted, about 15 minutes. Let cool slightly.
4. Using an offset spatula, release hamburger bowls from muffin tins. Drizzle with ranch dressing, sprinkle with chives, and serve with pickles.



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YARD OF THE MONTH

Help keep our community beautiful and participate in Yard of the Month! 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/>.



Residents of Riverpark West

Welcome!

Your association management company, Graham Management, has created **Graham Go**, a mobile app and website for your community.

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
- Make a payment or check your account status

Multiple ways to join:

- Text **"grahamgo"** to 59248 and receive a text back with a mobile app download link
- Search for the mobile app "Graham Go" 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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