

RIVER PARK WEST

Keeping You Informed, Educated & Connected

VOL 03 • ISSUE 8

AUGUST 2020

GREETINGS RIVERPARK WEST!

We hope that you are able to join us on Saturday, August 8th at the Recreation Center for our first Grab & Grub event. Pre-registration is required to attend, see attached flyer for details.

Due to the current climate with social distancing and the rising rate of infections within Fort Bend County, we do not have plans to host National Night Out in individual sections. If the trend in infections significantly decreases through August/Mid September, we may be able to host a different type of community event within social distancing guidelines. Please watch your email for updates via Nabr Network (sign up information below).

Additional community events will also be impacted by the rise in cases, including the Community Garage Sale and Holiday Party. We are working hard to adjust to the new normal and still be able to come together for some fun with your neighbors.

If you have not already done so, please sign up on our community website www.riverparkwestonline.org to receive important updates from the On-Site Coordinator and Graham Management directly to your email. Nextdoor is not an official means of communication for the community, and although the same updates are posted there, you may miss them if you check Nextdoor infrequently.

Trash pick up within the community is back on schedule, however if your home is skipped on trash day, please email rpwcoordinator@gmail.com with your property address so we can alert the route supervisor. In most cases, WCA will send a truck back the next business day for the missed pick up.

Since school has let out and the availability for children's activities has decreased, we have been receiving increased complaints of children playing in the roads and blocking traffic. We understand the importance of fresh air and sunshine, however the safety of your children is our top priority. Please ensure that the kids are aware of their surroundings at all times,

supervised, and know to move out of the road to safety when a vehicle is headed their way.

Thank you for making RiverPark West the best place to call home!

Your Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. via video/teleconference. Additional information will be posted on www.riverparkwestonline.org 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!



Riverpark West

RESIDENT CORNER

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Graham Management.....713-334-8000
.....graham@grahammanagementhouston.com

ONSITE & EVENTS COORDINATOR

Dee Norman

Email: rpwcoordinator@gmail.com

Tues – Thurs 10am to 5pm

346.380.9743

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

www.facebook.com/RiverParkWest

www.riverparkwestonline.org

NEWSLETTER

Peel Inc. | Publisher www.PEELinc.com

Advertising advertising@PEELinc.com

Richmond Post Office - Have mail concerns or need to obtain a mail box key. Contact the post office directly Phone 281-633-0386 or visit in person 5560 FM 1640 RD 77469, Richmond Texas with a copy of proof of ownership documents or lease agreement Mon-Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm 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.

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

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.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

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

At no time will any source be allowed to use the Riverpark West Newsletter's contents, or loan said contents, to others in any way, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in the Riverpark West Newsletter is exclusively for the private use of the Riverpark West HOA and Peel, Inc.

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

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.

LAWN CARE

Randy's Lawn Fertilization Schedule For southern grasses including: St. Augustine, Bermuda and Zoysia

- **FERTILIZE** - four times a year:
 - **Late February-Early March** - apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up. Most companies that make slow-release fertilizers also make a non slow-release 15-5-10 that provides for a quick two-week green up before we get to the heart of the fertilizer schedule. **WARNING:** Some people will be tempted to use a weed-and-feed at this time, but if you've been following the GardenLine herbicide schedule, there should never be a need. However, spot weed-and-feed treatments are recommended for those with turf-only landscapes or landscapes that have been established for many years. Most weed-and-feeds contain Atrazine which burns roots of young trees and shrubs.
 - **Late March-Early April** - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. Recommended formulations: 19-4-10 Nitro Phos Super Turff 18-4-6 Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker 18-0-6 Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula 15-5-10 Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold 20-0-10 Bonide Premium Lawn Food
 - **Late June-Early July** - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. (recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, 15-5-10.)
 - October-November - apply winterizer formulas for winter hardiness. Ratios vary, but make sure they are "winter" or "fall" formulas designed for southern grasses. (examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14) Will make lawns winter-hardy. June-September - if turfgrass looks yellow (chlorosis) or necrotic, use an application of either granular or liquid iron. Once a year should be enough.
- **FUNGICIDE** - two times a year: July-September - Gray Leaf Spot is a blotchy spot on the grass blade leaves. (mostly on St. Augustine lawns) Use fungicides with active ingredients like Daconil, Consan or Banner. September-October - To control the dreaded Brownpatch fungal

disease (symmetrical brown circles in the grass) you must prevent it from coming up with a systemic lawn fungicide with Bayleton, Terrachlor, Banner or Benomyl.

- **HERBICIDE** - three times a year: (Pre-Emergent controls to prevent weeds)
 - **Late October-Early November** - Use two (2) different pre-emergent herbicides, to prevent the weeds that we experience in February and March. First is a pre-emergent with Portrait or Gallery for broadleaf weeds like clover. Second, use a pre-emergent with Amaze, Betasan, Balan or Treflan for grassy weeds like poa anna or annual bluegrass. There is also Barricade, Dimension or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control.
 - **February-March** - Use the pre-emergent controls for grassy weeds again, to prevent such weeds as Crabgrass, Goosegrass and Dallisgrass from popping up late in the spring and summer. Again, use the grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan or Treflan. There is also Barricade, Dimension or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control.
 - **May-Early June** - One more application of a grassy pre-emergent like Amaze, Betasan, Balan, or Treflan will keep fall weeds from invading from August on. There is also Barricade, Dimensionbased or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control.
- **INSECTICIDES** — It is our belief on GardenLine, as a way to be kind to the environment, that you do not put down insecticides unless you know you have a problem. However, be prepared during the hot summer months — July through September — to attack chinch bug damage. This will show up as irregular shaped spots in the lawn along the concrete. Any liquid insecticide, like Permethrin or Cypermethrin, will treat the spot well. Then apply a granular insecticide like Deltamethrin or granular Permethrin in a broadcast applicator throughout the rest of the yard.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
F E R T I L I Z E R			Apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up	Apply slow-release 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 ratio			Apply slow-release 3-1-2 or 4-1-2 ratio				Apply winterizer formula fertilizer for winter hardiness.	
	For brand names of fertilizers, see original schedule online											
F U N G I C I D E												
							Gray Leaf Spot is a blotchy spot on the grass blade leaves. Use fungicides with active ingredients like Daconil, Consan or Banner.					
										To control Brownpatch use a systemic lawn fungicide with Myclobutani, Terrachlor, PCNB, Banner or Benomyl		
H E R B I C I D E												
			Use pre-emergent with Amaze, Betasan, Balan or Treflan for grassy weeds. There is also Barricade, Dimension or Pendimethlin as a 2-in-1 control. Portrait for broadleaf only.				Use pre-emergent herbicides again 2-in-1 are best at this time of the year					
												Use pre-emergent herbicides again 2-in-1 are best at this time of year



Ingredients

- Neutral oil, such as grapeseed, for frying
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed into a paste
- 1 cup beer or club soda
- 1 teaspoon yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 pound skinless white fish fillets, such as bass or cod, cut into 12 strips
- 12 (5- to 6-inch) corn tortillas, warmed
- 1 cup sliced cabbage
- 1 cup Salsa Fresca
- Salsa Macha
- 1 cup Mexican crema
- 3 limes, cut into wedges

How to Make It

Step 1

Heat 1 1/4 inches of oil in a heavy, high-sided skillet over medium-high to 370°F.

Step 2

When oil is close to 370°F, add garlic paste to a medium bowl, and whisk in beer, mustard, salt, and oregano. Add flour and baking powder, and whisk just until blended.

Step 3

Working with 1 fish strip at a time, dip in batter until completely coated; allow excess to drip off. Gently lower fish into hot oil. Repeat with 3 fish strips, adding just enough so skillet is not overcrowded. Fry until deep golden brown and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes, turning halfway through. Using tongs, gently remove from oil, and drain on paper towels. Repeat procedure 2 times with remaining fish strips and batter until all fish is fried.

Step 4

Serve fried fish in tortillas with sliced cabbage, Salsa Fresca, Salsa Macha, crema, and lime wedges.



SKUNKS - Are They Good for Anything?



Actually, yes, they are. For most people, the only thing they know about skunks is that they stink but they are very beneficial to farmers and homeowners. They eat garden and agricultural pests in large numbers. They feed on larvae, worms, fruit, eggs, reptiles, small mammals, bees, wasps and fish.

Texas is home to five species of skunks—the eastern spotted, striped, two types of hog-nosed and the hooded skunk. The hooded skunk is considered a Mexican species and can only be found in a few Texas counties near Mexico. The striped skunk is the most common skunk in North America. It has a white stripe on either side of its back that extends over the head and down the sides of the tail. The spotted skunk can only be found in eastern Texas, the Panhandle and the eastern United States. It gets its name from having a small white spot on its forehead and a spot in front of each ear. The American hog-nosed skunk is the largest skunk in the world. They have one broad white stripe from the top of the head to the base of the tail and a long, bushy white tail. They can be found in southern and central Texas.

The eastern spotted skunk is small and unlike the other species of skunks, its movements are similar to that of the squirrel. They are very active and can even climb trees. Due to threats such as habitat loss, pesticide use and vehicle strikes across the spotted skunk's entire range, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is evaluating the species' status and will determine if it should be listed as threatened or endangered. It plans to make a listing recommendation in 2023.

Skunks are very docile animals and they will warn predators before releasing the oily substance from their anal glands that contains the active ingredient, n-butyl mercaptan. They'll do a little dance, stomp the ground, slap their tail on the ground and may even stand on their back

legs. They're giving you fair warning. Once they spray, they are unable to do it again for ten days. If you encounter a skunk, stop immediately and slowly back away.

1. If your pet gets sprayed, here's what the American Kennel Club recommends. It may not completely remove the smell but it'll get rid of most of it.

2. Check the eyes. If affected, flush with cool water or purchase an eye wash from your vet and keep on hand if you live in an area with a high population of skunks.

3. Mix 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution (found at any pharmacy or supermarket), 1/4 cup of baking soda and 1 teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap.

4. Wear rubber gloves and thoroughly wash your pet. Don't leave the solution on too long. You may have to repeat the process.

5. Use a regular pet shampoo and wash your pet again to remove any residual solution.

6. Towel dry your pet.

If you need to wash your clothes, use ½ cup of baking soda with your regular detergent.

DO NOT STORE solution for later use. If kept in a covered container, it can explode. Do not get the solution in your pet's eyes. Don't use a peroxide solution stronger than 3%.

TWRC Wildlife Center is available to answer your questions and guide you through the rescue process should you find an animal needing help. Sometimes animals don't need help and are better left alone. We will help you make that determination. Call us at 713-468-8972 or check our website for helpful information: www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.



Residents of Riverpark West

Welcome!

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

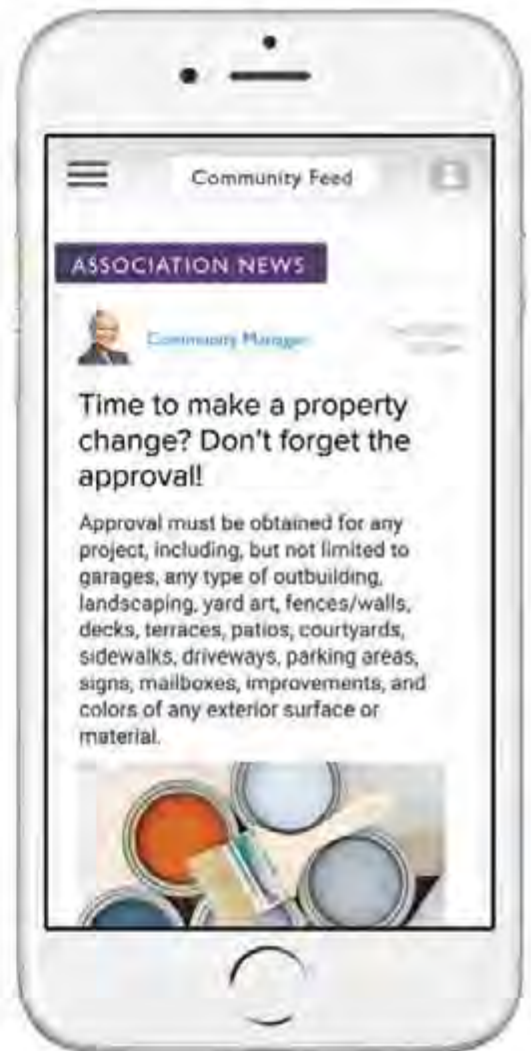
Get important HOA information and connect with your association:

- 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).



GET THE APP! TEXT "**grahamgo**" to 59248

Smart Financial Centre Upcoming Events

AUGUST 8- KIDZ BOP

AUGUST 13- JOHN LEGEND

AUGUST 23- ILIZA SCHLESINGER

AUGUST 24- HILLSONG WORSHIP

AUGUST 29- SILVESTRE DANGOND

SEPTEMBER 15- ALICIA

SEPTEMBER 26- JUANES

SEPTEMBER 27- ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO VISIT

WWW.SMARTFINANCIALCENTRE.NET

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.

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/>.

Peach Hand Pies



Ingredients

FILLING

- 3 small peaches (about 12 ounces)
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar

- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 vanilla bean, split lengthwise and seeds scraped, pod reserved for another use

DOUGH

Step 1 - Make the peach filling. Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil. Fill a bowl with ice water. Using a sharp paring knife, mark an X on the bottom of each peach. Add the peaches to the saucepan and blanch until the skins start to peel away, 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to the ice bath and let cool completely. Peel, halve and pit the peaches and cut into 1/4-inch pieces; you should have about 2 cups. Wipe out the saucepan.

Step 2 - In the same saucepan, combine the peaches with all the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until thickened and syrupy, about 12 minutes. Scrape the filling into a small bowl; let cool to room temperature. Cover and refrigerate until cold, 2 hours.

Step 3 - Meanwhile, make the dough.

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 sticks cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup ice water
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- Turbinado sugar, for sprinkling

In a large bowl, whisk the flour with the salt. Scatter the butter over the flour and, using your fingers, pinch it in until the mixture resembles very coarse crumbs, with some pieces the size of small peas. Stir in the ice water just until a dough forms. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead gently to form a ball. Pat into a 1-inch-thick round, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Step 4 - Preheat the oven to 450° and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut the dough in half. On a lightly floured work surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out 1 piece of dough 1/8 inch thick. Using a 4-inch biscuit cutter, stamp out 6 rounds and transfer to the prepared baking sheet. Top with a layer of parchment paper. Gather the scraps and form into a ball; roll out again and stamp out 2 more rounds. Transfer to the baking sheet. Repeat with the second piece of dough. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Step 5 - Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

Working with 1 dough round at a time, brush the rim with the beaten egg. Spoon 2 teaspoons of the filling into the center and fold the round in half to enclose. Press the edge firmly to seal and transfer to a prepared baking sheet. Repeat with the remaining dough and filling, arranging the hand pies 2 inches apart on the sheets. Brush the tops with the remaining beaten egg and sprinkle with turbinado sugar. Using a paring knife, cut 2 small slits in each hand pie. Bake until puffed and golden brown, shifting the pans from top to bottom and back to front halfway through baking, 18 minutes. Transfer the hand pies to a rack and let cool slightly.

Make Ahead - The unbaked hand pies can be frozen for up to 1 month. Brush with the egg wash, sprinkle with sugar and bake from frozen according to the recipe.



PEEL, INC.

1405 Brandi Ln
Round Rock, TX 78681

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

RPW

