

RIVER PARK WEST

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Greetings RiverPark West,

We hope that your year is off to a great start as we await warmer weather and sunshine to get outdoors and active again!

The update for our monuments has begun with removal of old plant material and installation of new perennials which add more of a modern touch to the community. Our large monument at the 59 feeder will receive new plant material next, followed by the Recreation Center and several new beds in the area.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee for upcoming amenities projects within the community to include, but not limited to, a dog park and community garden. If you are interested in signing up, or have the ability to volunteer for community sponsored events, please reach out to rpwcoordinator@gmail.com.

Our community social media pages will keep you updated on future events, as well as the date for the 2021 pool season opening, so please make sure all of your notifications are enabled on Nabr Network. As always, keeping the community safe and socially distanced is our top priority.

Dues for 2021 are now past due and payable, with a late fee/interest per the community guidelines as of February 1st. Payments can be made through Graham's Website, via check by mail to Graham's office, or online via Nabr Network. Checks can also be dropped off through the slot at the on-site office, however they must have the account number, property address and be in an envelope. Payment plans are available, please contact Graham Management for additional information.

If you have not already done so, please sign up on our community website www.riverparkwestonline.org (Nabr Network) to receive important updates from the On-Site Coordinator and Graham Management directly to your email. You may also view your account balance, reserve the clubhouse, access governing documents and more. 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.

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

Riverpark West

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Trash Collection & Heavy Pick-Up days are Monday and Thursday beginning February 1, 2021 (Recycling and Bulk 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

BOARD INFORMATION

Armando DeHoyos - 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.

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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Ready to give your home a much needed purge? Check out the tips below to help you get, and stay, organized!

Spring cleaning may get more of the hype, but I would argue that spring organizing is even more important. When your belongings are neat and tidy, your whole home feels cleaner and more inviting, and daily life is easier and more pleasant. If you've got the spring-cleaning bug, don't stop there. Take advantage of your motivation and devote a weekend (or two) to clearing out clutter and getting organized all around the house.

Entryway

Clear out any lingering winter boots and mittens, unread stacks of mail and anything else that doesn't belong.

Add enough hooks, shelves and baskets to hold your belongings when you come in the door.

If you have a drawer near your entrance, place a drawer organizer inside to keep small items neat, and be sure to have a recycling bin within reach for tossing junk mail.

Kitchen

Move the hardest-working tools (wooden spoons, tongs) front and center, and get rid of seldom-used single-purpose tools.

Reshuffle your cabinet contents to move less frequently used items and entertaining supplies to the highest shelves and least-accessible areas, and your everyday basics within easy reach.

Find a casserole dish that belongs to a friend? Aunt Sally's serving spoons? Make a pile of to-return items and bring it to your car.

*Tip: Make a morning cupboard. If your mornings tend to be rushed, consider carving out a nook in a cupboard where you can keep all your morning necessities together. A shelf or two can hold coffee- and tea-making supplies and breakfast favorites, as well as lunch containers if you pack a lunch, for either yourself or your children.

Laundry Room

Recycle old, empty containers, and ditch any laundry products you don't like, to make some space.

Decanting laundry supplies into other containers is not necessary to create a lovely, organized space — just corral the assorted containers on a tray or in a bin. This serves the double purpose of looking nice and making it easier to move everything aside to clean.

Add a triple-sorter laundry basket to help avoid the dreaded laundry-room-floor pileup.

Give each family member an individual basket so you can keep clothes separated, making it easier to sort afterward.

Linen Closet

If you've been accumulating bedding and towels for years without getting rid of old sets, chances are you have more than you need. Two or three sets of sheets per bed, and two sets of towels per person (more if you have swimmers in the house), plus

an extra set for guests, are generally plenty.

Choose the best and donate the rest — and if your old linens are in bad shape, drop them in a textile recycling bin rather than the trash.

Tip: Keep piles of towels and sheets from toppling over by using a shelf divider and tucking each set of sheets inside a pillowcase. Store small items inside labeled storage boxes.

Bedroom

Your bedroom should be a peaceful haven devoted to rest. But often the bedroom ends up being a repository for piles of laundry and clutter — not the makings of a good night's sleep! Sort through your clothes, setting aside a pile to give away, and neatly fold and put away the rest.

Remove old coffee cups and water glasses, papers and any other junk that doesn't belong in your bedroom.

Peek under the bed. Neat underbed storage boxes can be helpful if they're filled with things you honestly need, use or love. Just don't let under your bed become a hiding spot for items you should give away or sell.

Bath

Much of the clutter in the bathroom comes from products tried and not liked. These unloved items end up getting shoved to the back of the cupboard, where they take up precious space and gather dust. Ruthlessly sort through your bath and beauty products. Toss out everything you do not use, and recycle the containers if possible.

Once everything is cleared out, choose one or two baskets or trays to keep the products you use daily neatly contained.

If you have been storing medications in the bathroom, move them to a different location — the humidity can be damaging. Choose a place that is cool, dry and out of reach of children.

Books

The first edit of your book collection should be books you bought (or were given) that you didn't end up liking very much.

Next, consider pulling out any books you enjoyed but realistically will not pick up again.

If you have specific friends you think would love certain books, put these in a tote bag and put them in your car — better to actually pass them along than to just think about it!

Donate unwanted books to a local library or Goodwill, or, if you want to make a little extra cash, bring them to a local used-book seller.

Papers and Printed Photos

Walk through your house and gather up all of the random, unsorted piles of paper you can find, making one stack.

Go through this stack with a recycling bin and shredder until it's all gone.

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SPRING ORGANIZATION IDEAS

using file boxes is that they take up only as much space as you need, and you can keep one small box near the entry for easily (and quickly) filing important papers.

Tech Devices and Digital Photos

Erase your data from old devices, then drop them in a cell phone recycling bin or return them to your cell-service provider for a credit.

Back up your current computer and other devices to an external hard drive, as well as a cloud-based service for extra security.

Order a photo book or prints from last year's digital photos, and create a simple plan for organizing digital photos in the future. Keep them in files labeled with the month, and tag your favorites so you can easily gather them into a book or an album when the time comes.

Tip: Whenever you get a promotional email you do not want to receive, scroll down to the bottom and click "unsubscribe" before deleting. Cutting back on unnecessary marketing emails will save you time in the long run — and might save you money as well, as you are not reminded of things to buy!

Garden Tools and Supplies

Toss out worn-out gloves and long-expired seed packets, and recycle empty packaging.

Use wall-mounted grips to store long-handled tools, and stash short-handled gardening tools point-down in a bucket of sand.

Tools should be stored out of the elements, so if you don't have a garage or storage shed, consider investing in a small outdoor storage cabinet where you can keep these items safely protected.

Put upcoming events on your calendar, file important records and pay bills as needed.

To quickly handle a big pile of printed photos, sort them roughly by date and file them in photo boxes.

Tip: If traditional filing cabinets just aren't working for you, consider switching to a more flexible (and portable) system consisting of small file boxes or expanding files.

The beauty in



LEMON RICOTTA PASTA

This is the perfect spring dish. It's fresh and light, and it instantly had us in love. If you can't find bucatini, use any long pasta like spaghetti or linguine!

INGREDIENTS

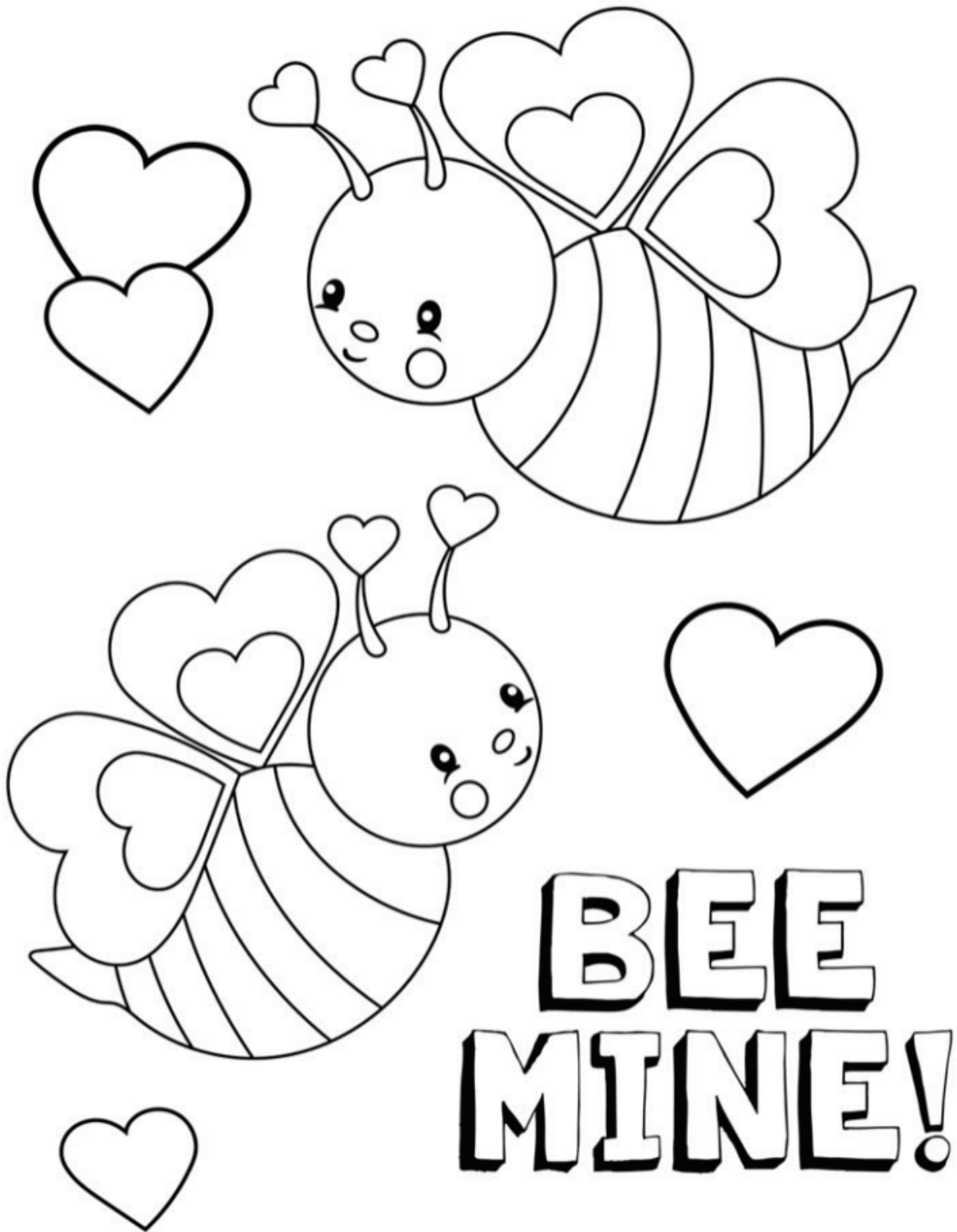
- 1 lb. bucatini or spaghetti
- 1 c. ricotta
- 1/2 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 c. freshly grated pecorino or Parmesan
- Zest and juice from 1 lemon
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes
- Freshly sliced basil, for serving

DIRECTIONS

1. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1 cup pasta water, then drain. Return pasta to pot.

2. In a medium bowl, combine ricotta, oil, pecorino, lemon juice, and zest. Season with salt, pepper, and a pinch of red pepper flakes. Add ricotta mixture and 1/4 cup reserved pasta water to pasta and toss. Add more reserved pasta water if sauce is too thick.

3. Serve with basil, more pecorino, and a drizzle of olive oil.



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THE MOURNING DOVE

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

The mourning dove is native to Texas and gets its name from the soft, sad-sounding coo that usually only the male makes. What you may not know is that the mourning dove also has a non-verbal whistling sound it makes when it takes off and lands. This sound is an alarm signal and is also associated with courtship. They are one of the most abundant birds of all North American birds.

Doves are highly-developed and range in size from a sparrow to a chicken. Mourning doves are one of seven species of doves in our area. The others are the white-winged dove, the white-tipped dove, the erasian collared, the rock dove (pigeon), the band-tailed pigeon, the inca dove and the common ground dove. Some of them, like the mourning dove, are monogamous. That means they'll stay with their mate for life unless something happens to the mate. If that happens, the mourning dove will find a replacement.

Mourning doves are recognizable by black spots on brown wings, a black beak, black eyes and a long, pointed tail. They look somewhat plump with a small head that looks a little too small for the size of the body.

You might catch a glimpse of a mourning dove on the ground or on a limb, leaning over and stretching one wing. The bird is either sunbathing or rainbathing. It can hold this position for up to twenty minutes. They also like to dustbathe.

Their diet consists mostly of seeds. They have a preference for rapeseed, corn, millet, safflower, and sunflower seeds. They eat until their crops are full and then fly away to digest the food. They'll often swallow sand or fine gravel to aid in digestion.

Doves are the number one game bird in the country and Texas leads the nation in hunter and harvest humbers. Every year from June to August, Texas Parks and Wildlife place leg bands on thousands of mourning and white-winged doves. The primary reason for banding is to track the harvest. This is done in order to monitor the factors that influence the populations. Hunters report banded birds and the information gathered provides estimates of harvest and survival rates. The data is used in several programs to help manage populations and set hunting regulations. Hunters are urged to report any bands they find.

Here are a few very interesting facts about this very common bird.

- They have a very short life span. They usually only live about 1.5 years. The oldest recorded age of a mourning dove is 31.
- They are one of only a few birds that can actually sip water like humans. Most birds gulp water and then rotate their heads until the water goes down their throats.
- Many of them lay eggs several times a year.
- Mourning doves can fly up to 55mph. Compare that to a Northern Flicker that weighs about the same but can only fly 23 mph.
- Another name used for mourning doves is turtle doves.

TWRC admits hundreds of injured, orphaned and displaced doves every year. Some have dog and cat wounds, some have had collisions with windows, or have fallen out of a nest. Whatever the reason for their admission, we care for them until they are able to be returned to the wild. If you'd like more information about what we do, check out our website at 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.

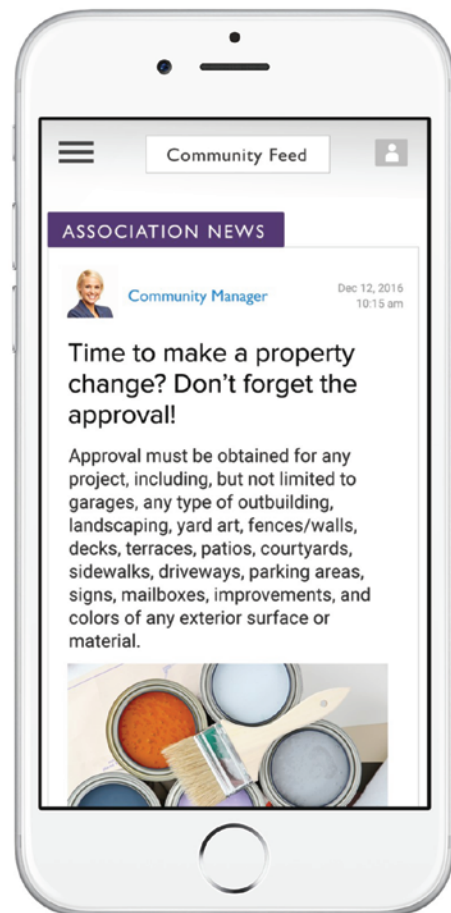
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- Find contact information for the HOA management company
- Make a payment or check your account status

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- 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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