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### **WHAT ARE**

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#WeCreateCommunity

Hillwood Communities Live Smart Principles bring people together in meaningful ways for a happier, healthier lifestyle!

#### **Live Smart Principles:**

- 1. Connection
- 2. Well-Being
- 3 Enrichmen
- 4. Stewardship
- 5. Convenience



# HILLWOOD COMMUNITIES PARTNERS WITH Kidd's Kids

#### Little Elm community of Union Park plans give-back event

The Kraddick Foundation is planning its first Kidd's Kids Teen Trip this summer, and Union Park could not be more honored and excited to be a part of this journey with them. We have pledged to collectively raise a matching grant of up to \$30,000 for the teen trip.

"Union Park takes great pride in partnering with charities whose focus complements our own, helping us to make a positive contribution to the communities in which we live and work," said Fred Balda, president of Hillwood Communities. We are very proud to be part of the first Kidd's Kids Teen Trip and we are looking forward to raising awareness and funds through our annual *Taste of Union Park* event and year-long community outreach programs.

"Kidd's Kids celebrates life by taking families to Disney World where they are able to set aside their challenges, create close relationships and make memories that will last a lifetime," said Elaine Ford, senior vice president of Hillwood Communities. "Their mission exemplifies what Union Park is about and we're excited to be a part of it!" This summer, the first annual Kidd's Kids Teen Trip to Give Kids The World Village

in Orlando is June 3-9. Teens ages 13-18 years old who are diagnosed with a life-threatening condition, and their families, will enjoy an all-expenses-paid vacation to the resort, including three days at Walt Disney World, two days at Universal Orlando and one day at Sea World Orlando.

SAVE THE DATE: April 29th for a FUN-filled day benefiting Kidd's Kids at Union Park full of free giveaways, activities, live music, food and drinks & so much MORE!





Join us for a taste of the Food Trucks, Fun, Amenities & Lifestyle at Union Park!

April 29th from 3-7pm

WE DO MORE THAN SHIP.

## The UPS Store



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APRIL 29TH
3 - 7PM
Taste of Union Park
thetasteofunionpark.com

MAY
5 - 6
Community Wide
Garage Sale











# the **BLUE**



Detective Jerry Walker was shot and killed after responding to a call involving an armed subject. Detective Walker was a U.S. Army veteran and served with the Little Elm Police Department for 19 years. He is survived by his four children. After receiving this devastating news, the community came together to honor Detective Walker and show support to his family. Thank you to Ruthie's Rolling Café food truck for generously donating 100% of your proceeds on January 29th and thank you to Hillwood Communities for graciously matching their donation! We had a terrific turnout and appreciate everyone who came out to help us make a very generous donation to Detective Walker's Family.

# Gardening BY THE MOON Gardening Tips

The weather has started to change from winter to the promise of spring. I saw my first Mayfly the other day and we have already experienced some temperatures in the high 80's. So it is not too early to begin preparing your backyard for spring and summer.

- With the recent rains, keep your automatic irrigation system turned "off". No extra water is needed at this time.
- Add double ground, dyed-brown, hardwood mulch to freshen appearance in both front and backyard flowerbeds. By maintaining 2 inches of mulch, you will be providing great growing conditions for your plants, reduce water use and make it easier to remove those pesky weeds. Remember, no red mulch. Brown will provide a more natural appearance.
- If you have planting containers in your landscape, cultivate the soil in the pots and add new soil so you can plant those flowering treasures to add color and beauty to your yard.
- Make your gardening decisions easier Dr. Moon has compiled a list of recommended plants specific to Union Park soil. This list can be found by visiting www.UnionParkHOA.com under HOA Forms & Docs, and List of Approved Plants.

Take advantage of these early, beautiful spring days and get outside and enjoy your yard!

# UNION PARK Website

### **UnionParkHOA.com**

- Access Community Forms and Documents
- Access the Lifestyle Events
   Monthly Calendar
- Check out Recent Newsletters
- Sign up for the UP Weekly Email
- ICYMI: View the Weekly Email
- View Lifestyle Event Photos







Eggtastic Easter April 8, 10am-2pm Little Elm Park

A hoppin' good time for the entire family! There will be a huge egg hunt for ages 2-10. After the egg hunt, kids and families can enjoy flying their kites in Little Elm Park.

> Craft Brew & Que June 3, 4-10pm Little Elm Park

The most popular event of the year! We bring in over 60 breweries, sampling well over 100 beers, for a fun, family time. Each beer you sample will require a ticket. Nothing goes better with beer than BBQ, which is why we bring in as many BBQ themed food trucks as possible. There will be live bands playing all day and plenty of vendors to browse through. There will be a kid zone for the kids to play in while the parents sample the great beer.

#### Summer Rhythms Concert in the Park



Presented by the Chamber of Commerce
Little Elm Park, 8pm

June 2- Strange Love (Alt/Classic Rock)

June 9- The Enablers (Top 40)

June 23- Mescaline Americans (Rock, Pop)

June 30- Infinite Journey (Journey Tribute)

Great family fun! Bring the family, chairs, and blankets and have a great time. This is a series hosted by the Little Elm Chamber of Commerce. Please contact them for any questions.

# Union Park Proud

**#UnionParkPROUD** 

To celebrate and recognize National Youth Month, Denton ISD asked each elementary school to select nine students to represent the school by having their art displayed, among other Denton ISD Elementary Schools' art, at the Patterson-Appleton Art Center in Denton. Union Park is proud to have two students featured!



Hana Truong-Lateko 5th Grade: Peacock Horizon



Ainsley McCammon 4th Grade:

Ainsley's piece was showing how to illustrate a focal point!



# Let's Talk TRASH

The recent influx of new homeowners to Union Park has been wonderful. Moving trucks are arriving daily and garages are full of boxes and furniture just waiting to be moved into the house. As more homeowners move in, it is important that everyone is aware of the rules at Union Park. Please be aware that trash cans must be stored out of view except on trash day (Monday). The cans need to be stored inside your garage, in the backyard behind the fence or along the side of your home. If you choose to store them along the side of your home, you will be required to screen them from view with a Union Park fence. An ACC Modification form is required for this type of improvement.

Just moved in and have boxes to get rid of? Union Park's solid waste provider, Community Waste Disposal, offers curbside bulk trash pickup twice per month on the 1st and 3rd Monday on the first FULL week of the month. Bulk trash must be placed at the curb by 7am and will be picked up on Monday. Bulk trash can also be dropped off at Town of Little Elm's Courtesy Bulk Trash Drop site at 1600 Brenda Lane on Fridays from 4pm - 8pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 8am - 5pm.

If you have extra household items you would like to donate, stop by the HOA office to pick up a Curbside Recycling Bag. Fill the bag with unwanted clothing or household items and place it by your recycling container. The bag will be picked up and donated to Simple Recycling. For information about what can be donated, go to <a href="SimpleRecycling.com">SimpleRecycling.com</a>.



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If you have not previously registered to use the site, you can obtain a registration code by contacting Amanda Green at 972.535.4567 or by email amanda.green@fsresidential.com.



## **WELCOME THE** *Constantino Family:*

Mike, Brianna, Stella (2), Lucy (1month), Sadie - Lab (11), Chewy - Terrier (11)



Welcome the Costantino Family to Union Park! Mike does residential and commercial architectural plan design for a home builder based out of Fort Worth. Brianna is an office manager for a Telecom Company in Downtown McKinney. "Once football season arrives, we love supporting Texas Tech football on Saturdays, and Sundays are spent watching the Green Bay Packers (don't hold it against us, Brianna grew up north) and the Cowboys." Mike likes to work outside in the yard, build things in the garage, and hang out with his family. Brianna loves crafting, shopping at Target (hopefully there will be one along 380 soon),

and letting Stella 'fix her hair'. Like most little girls, Stella loves her baby dolls, making 'food' in her kitchen, and her puppies. The Costantino Family recently became a family of four, welcoming their newest addition, Lucy Rose, to their family on February 22nd. Lucy is very healthy and already eating, and sleeping like a champ! Stella couldn't be more excited to be Lucy's big sister!

#### Where did you move from?

"We moved from Craig Ranch in McKinney."

#### What made you choose Union Park to call home?

"We came out to UP to look at a friend's house that was under construction. We really liked the amenities that were already here, and the idea of living in a neighborhood that would really give us that community aspect. In the 2 months we have been in UP we have already met more neighbors than we did in the 3.5 years at our previous home."

#### What is your favorite thing about Union Park?

"Our favorite things about Union Park thus far, are the frequency of community events, and getting to meet so many of our neighbors."

#### What is your favorite restaurant in the area?

"Our favorite restaurant in the area would be Villa Grande, located in Cross Roads. Villa Grande has great fajitas, margaritas, and sopapillas!"

#### Tell us something unique about your family to share with the community!

Mike and Brianna met playing kickball in Plano, so now that Brianna isn't pregnant, you better watch out at those community kickball games!

# KEEP UP with UNION PARK!

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#UnionParkTX
#UnionParkPROUD



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