

2017
Fall Edition



Union Park

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#WHAT'SCOMINGUP

We are excited that our new Exploration Park is on its way. The Park is nestled next to The Cove surrounded by large shade trees. The Park is designed to stimulate creative and healthy play for our kids. It features crawling tunnels, hill slide, swings and climbing equipment for all skill levels.

Exploration Park is scheduled to open Spring 2018.



WHAT ARE The Live Smart PRINCIPLES?

#WeCreateCommunity

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

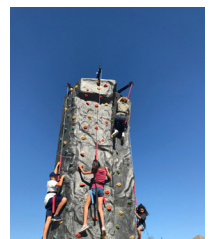
Live Smart Principles:

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

TASTE OF UNION PARK

Our 2nd Taste of Union Park was packed with fun activities including cooking demonstrations, bubble soccer, a rock climbing wall, and face painting. Guests were entertained by The Vic Duncan Band while enjoying delicious food from a variety of food trucks. J-si from Kidd Kraddick Morning Show and Caroline Kraddick stopped by to meet everyone as we continue to support Kidd's Kids. It was a truly memorable day for all!

A huge thank you to our sponsors, especially our presenting sponsor SuddenLink.



SAVE
the dates

November 04 & 05

November 16

November 17

November 28

Community-Wide Garage Sale

Friendsgiving (6 pm)

Music on the Porch

Light UP Union Park (6-8 pm)



KIDD'S KIDS REUNION



We joined Kidd's Kids at their reunion on September 16th at Main Event in Grapevine, Texas. Meeting the families and learning what they go through on a daily basis definitely makes one view life in a different perspective. It was evident from the warm smiles and the positive vibes that the families are very grateful for all Kidd's Kids does to light up their lives!

Stay tuned for opportunities to support the important work of Kidd's Kids.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out took place, October 3rd at The Kitch. National Night Out is a program to promote neighborhood spirit and police/community partnership in our fight for a safer nation.

Thank you HomePro for providing the hotdogs and chips. As Amanda Green, our General Manager fired up the grill, neighbors met with Little Elm first responders and the kids were able to learn more about the emergency vehicles.

A special thank you to Bridgette Weiss for her efforts in scheduling the UNT Cheerleaders led by Union Park's own Tracie O'Neal, who graciously inspired the next generation of cheerleaders!





Winterizing your Home To Cozy Up for the Cold

Winter is coming, and you never know when the first frost will strike. Dropping temperatures and unpredictable weather make it important to be prepared for the long, dark days. Ideally, your winter preparations should be complete in the fall so you can enjoy the holidays without worrying about those cold drafts jacking up your heating bills.

Outdoor Storage: Items like lawn furniture, fire bowls or chimineas, grills and other seasonal items are best stored away safely for the winter — especially if you expect rain, snow or ice. Before you pack things up, give them all a good cleaning to remove ash and accumulated dirt.

Indoor Storage: Indoor winter storage usually means switching out your wardrobe. Before you pack up your summer clothing, laundry or dry clean everything first to remove soil and bacteria that can break down fabrics.

Lighting: Check your home to make sure that all your exterior light bulbs are working and replace ones that have burned out or that aren't at the maximum brightness allowed by your fixture. When Daylight Savings Time is over and the long nights settle in, you'll be glad you did!

Service Your Furnace: Yearly maintenance and — depending on the type of heating system you own — cleaning is mandatory when it comes to keeping your HVAC system running well. Call a pro for a tune-up before you need to turn it on, and make any recommended repairs right away. A system that runs properly is more efficient, and that means you'll save on fuel costs throughout the winter.

When you take the time to prepare your home for winter, you can enjoy the season knowing that your house is snug and ready to weather any storm. Once you've completed these seasonal chores, you can cozy up and enjoy the holiday season with all the warmth and comfort you deserve.

GARDENING BY THE MOON



Make Your Yard a Pansy Garden! by Dr. Robert E. Moon

Is your yard a “pansy” compared to your neighbors? Maybe the answer for this winter is to add pansies or violas to your yard to enhance the beauty. These very colorful, versatile plants can add a bright spot during the otherwise drab winter months. Pansies and violas are planted in the fall and provide beautiful color through May. October is the best time to select your favorite pansy or viola color combinations and there are many colors to choose from.

When selecting these colorful plants, a full sun planting location is best for pansies and violas. If you have a partial sun location, choose only violas. They can tolerate more shade than the pansies. You can select a mixed variety or for a nice impact, plant one color as a border with a contrasting color behind. Avoid the darker colors in shaded areas where they will not provide a pop of color. Be creative!

The most important step before planting is to prepare your soil correctly. Cultivate your planting bed to a depth of 6 inches, add 2 inches of organic bed preparation materials, bone meal, blood meal and fertilizer and then cultivate again into the top 6 inches of the soil. If you do this every time you plant, your planting beds will become easier and easier to plant.

Purchase 4-inch size plants that are fully rooted to pot edge. These plants will do better than planting the 2-inch pack size. Plant on a triangular spacing 6 to 8 inches apart. Plant your pansies so they are 1-inch higher than the soil level and add 1-inch of pine bark mulch to finish off the planting bed. Water in thoroughly after mulching. Extra watering is needed for the first couple of weeks after planting but then watering once or twice a week, depending on location, will provide enough moisture. Keep the soil moist but don't water until plants are standing in water.

Fertilize your plants every two weeks with a liquid fertilizer or every 6 weeks with a granular plant food, this will keep your plants growing, happy and healthy.

Go out and pansy up your yard!



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DEVELOPER'S CORNER

The first phase of Union Park's Del Webb Development is underway. It will be a community for active adults 55 & over. Home sites will be available Fall 2018.

For more information, please call 972.677.0625 or Toll Free 866.202.5092.

A Word from General Manager

Making modifications or changes to your home or adding items to the exterior of your home will need approval. Some examples of modifications are adding basketball goals, stone landscape borders, sheds, and satellite dish installation, sheds, building a fence, adding or modifying landscaping. Please review your Rules and Regulations and Architectural Guidelines in addition to your Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions on the Union Park HOA website.

For additional HOA related questions, please do not hesitate to contact your General Manager, Amanda Green at amanda.green@fsresidential.com.



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