

Steeplechase Country Estates

August 2022



Friendly Reminder...

School is back in session. School buses will be picking up and dropping the kiddos off. So please, **SLOW DOWN** when driving thru our neighborhood.

CR3356 Adopt-A-Highway

Update Aug. 10: I reached out again to TXDOT for Grayson County. They, in turn, reached out to the District Office. Our “Adopt-A-Highway” street signs are in. They will be installed by TXDOT at the North end of CR 3356/SH121 and CR3356 at the Grayson/Collin county line. We will update the neighborhood as to the schedule of our first clean-up once it is decided on. Supplies from TXDOT will need to be picked up prior.



VA Community Calendar

VA Central Social District

Railcar *Farmer's* Market

May 3rd thru Nov 1st

Every Tuesday, 4p - 7p

Railcar *Crafter's* Market

3rd Tuesday each month, 3p - 7p

Van Alstyne High School Stadium

VAHS Athletic Booster & Band Booster Clubs

"Concession Clean-Up"

August 13th, 9a

Meet the Band

Friday August 25th, 715p, Gates Open at 630p

Van Alstyne City Hall

Welcome to Van Alstyne

Every Fourth Thursday of the Month, 9a

Van Alstyne Public Library

Story Time - August Theme, Dinosaurs & Dragons

Wednesday August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, 1030a

Van Alstyne Senior Center

Lunch served daily at 1130a

\$2 for seniors, \$5 for non-senior adults

American Legion, James Adams Post 376

Friday Night Meals, 4p - 7p

1st Friday - Fish Fry

2nd Friday - No Dinner

3rd Friday - Ribeye Steak Dinner

4th Friday - Hamburger Night



August Recipients

Congratulations to Bryan & Liz Brown on
Belmont Lane!

Don't forget to submit your nomination for YoTM to
contacthoa@steeplechase-hoa.org or via the
Contact Us feature on the HOA webpage.



**SATURDAY
AUG 13
8-10AM**

**FITNESS & FUN
FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY**

**FREE Workout
8-9am**

**Health Expo
8-10am**



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE SENIOR CENTER!

SOCIAL & FIT EXPO

Join us at the Downtown Van Alstyne Social District for a Saturday morning of Fitness and Fun. Bring your friends, family, and a workout mat or towel. Learn how great it feels to get active and visit with our local Health Professionals at the Expo.

For more information contact Pam Carroll at 214-794-7425
or Rachel Hennagan at 979-204-6255

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES STAGE 2

Due to historic high demand levels from lack of rainfall, Mustang is implementing Stage 2 Drought Contingency measures effective immediately. This stage enacts mandatory watering restrictions to reduce demand. Failure to reduce demand at this point could potentially result in outages. We are asking all customers to take meaningful steps to reduce consumption. Currently, all systems, including both our own wells and the regional surface water provider, are operating at capacity flow demands around the clock. The result of this is that the storage tanks are not able to fill up and are gradually going down. If the current demand continues, the tanks risk running out of water resulting in outages.

Mandatory Stage 2 requirements:

Last address number is:

- ~ Even (0,2,4,6,8) may irrigate only on Sunday and Thursday
- ~ Odd (1,3,5,7,9) may irrigate only on Saturday and Wednesday.
- ~ **NO** outside irrigation is allowed on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday for any customer.
- ~ **NO** outside water use or irrigation is allowed between 10 am – 6 pm.

We pledge to take every step possible to keep All Customers supplied with water. We ask you to please reduce any unnecessary water use and operate within the Stage requirements. Together we can keep everyone supplied this summer.

Thank You!

Mustang Special Utility District



WaterMyYard

Keep your yard healthy.

Save water based on weather in your area.

Get automated watering recommendations.

A PROGRAM OF
**TEXAS A&M
AGRI LIFE
EXTENSION**

"Everything is Bigger in Texas" Including this Drought

With the Stage 2 water restrictions in place and the extreme summer temperatures, be more efficient with your outdoor water usage.

Download the WaterMyYard app

Download App

REDUCE EVAPORATION



During a dry spell or a drought allow your lawn to grow to the upper range of the local recommendations of mowing heights for your turfgrass variety. Taller grass blades promote deeper roots and shade the soil, resulting in less water evaporation.

1"

IF YOU USE WATER WISELY YOUR LAWN WILL TOO!

On an average, a lawn only needs about one inch (2.5 cm) of water per week, either by irrigation, rainfall, or a combination of both.



- Water only when needed.
- Saturate root zones and let the soil dry.
- Watering too much and too frequently results in shallow roots, weed growth, disease and fungus.

Berry Tarts

For the crusts:

2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
3/4 cup pecans
6 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 sticks cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1 large egg, beaten

For the pastry cream:

1 cup whole milk
2/3 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons buttermilk
3 large egg yolks
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 pint raspberries
1 pint blueberries
Confectioners' sugar, for dusting



Make the crusts: Pulse the flour, pecans, granulated sugar and salt in a food processor until the nuts are finely ground. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture looks like coarse meal. Drizzle in 6 tablespoons ice water and pulse until the dough comes together. Turn out onto a piece of plastic wrap and form into a disk; wrap and refrigerate until firm, about 1 hour.

Lightly flour a large sheet of parchment paper. Roll out the dough on the parchment into a 9-by-13-inch rectangle. Trim into an 8-by-12-inch rectangle (reserve the scraps). Cut into eight 3-by-4-inch rectangles. Separate the pieces slightly on the parchment, then use your fingers to crimp the edges. Slide the parchment onto a baking sheet. Roll out the scraps until 1/4 inch thick. Cut out 8 stars using a small floured star-shaped cookie cutter; arrange on the baking sheet around the crusts.

Refrigerate until firm, about 20 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Poke holes in the crusts with a fork. Brush the stars and the edges of the crusts with the beaten egg. Bake until golden brown, about 25 minutes; remove to a rack to cool completely.

Make the pastry cream: Combine the milk, 1/3 cup granulated sugar and the vanilla in a saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Whisk 1/2 cup buttermilk, the egg yolks, cornstarch and the remaining 1/3 cup sugar in a bowl. Slowly pour the hot milk mixture into the egg mixture, whisking constantly. Pour the mixture back into the saucepan and cook, whisking, until thick and bubbling, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a bowl; stir in the remaining 3 tablespoons buttermilk. Lay plastic wrap on the surface and refrigerate 45 minutes.

Carefully transfer the crusts to a platter. Spread the pastry cream on the crusts, then top with the berries. Top each tart with a star. Dust with confectioners' sugar.

ARC & Compliance

If you are planning to do any construction/changes, not including interior, please be sure to reference the ARC Guidelines or Article VII of the D&C's on the Steeplechase HOA webpage and submit an ARC application prior to beginning. There have been several instances where homeowners have begun and not submitted an application for approval.

As A Reminder...

Section 8.3 Maintenance and Repairs. All structures upon said property shall at all times be maintained in good conditions and repair. No junk vehicles or vehicles not with current registration and safety inspection sticker shall be allowed on the property or any lot within STEEPLCHASE COUNTRY ESTATES. Vehicles must be garaged or be on driveway only. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Declaration, no trailers, boats, boat trailers, mobile homes, motor homes, trucks or campers shall be permitted to park or be stored overnight on any street within the Property. All complaints for any violations with regard to a homeowner's property MUST be submitted via USPS or an email to the HOA.

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Neighborhood Billboard

Blue Sky Drone Photography

Mario Salvato - 214.457.5905

Easy Life Realty

Kelly & Mike Bishop - 903.821.7227

Joshua Janek - 214.929.0372

EXP Realty

JC Young - 214.799.9139

Fierce Motions in Dance

Donna Almon - 214.551.9515

Silpada Jewelry

Lora Johnson - 817.475.4012

Happy Tails Pet Care

Kathy Wright - 469.450.8962

Happy Tails & Tummies - Pet Health and Wellness

Erica Northrup - 562.773.4834

The Rowell Agency

Independent Insurance Agent

Kristina Rowell - 972.241.5464

Modere - Live Lean & Live Clean

Lora Johnson - 817.475.4012

North Texas Aerial Photography

Mike Bishop - 760.646.3891

SL Handyman

Steve Hipps - 903.818.5264

Travel Easy Decks

Kristy & Jody Rowell - 972.241.5464

www.traveleasydecks.com

360 RV Inspections(pre-purchase)

Mario Salvato - 214.457.5905

Helpful Numbers

Trash Removal:

Alford Trash Service - 903.433.1454

Cain's Trash Removal - 903.482.1303

IESI - 903.893.1936

Jerry's - 903.482.6696

Water Service:

Mustang/Marilee SUD - 972.382.3222

Electric:

GCEC - 903.482.7100

Cable/Satellite/Internet Services:

Frontier Communications - 800.921.8101

Sparklight - 903.442.0440

DirecTv - 855.838.4388

Dish Network - 888.605.8443

Grayson County Sheriff, Non-Emergency - 903.813.4200

Van Alstyne FD, Non-Emergency - 903.482.6666

Grayson County P1 Road & Bridge Maintenance - 903.893.2033

Grayson County Commissioner P1, Jeff Whitmire

❖ 903.813.4327

❖ whitmirej@co.grayson.tx.us

HOA Board Information

President - Cynthia Stewart

Vice President - Melissa Hill

Secretary - Erica Northrup

Treasurer - Patty Stephan

Board Member - Debi Crouchman

Board Member - Suzanne Etchieson

Board Member - Sean Vo

ARC Member Information

ARC Lead - Gary Gates

Member - Josh Janek

Member - Mark Salgado

