

THE RETREAT AT  
**RIVER PARK PLACE**  
Homeowners Association  
**Newsletter**

January  
2024

## Notice Regarding Gate Codes

As mentioned in last months Newsletter - New gate codes will be going into effect on January 3rd.  
**DO NOT SHARE YOUR CODES WITH ANYONE OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY**  
Should you need to update your code throughout the year, please email Heather at [heather@legacysouthwestpm.com](mailto:heather@legacysouthwestpm.com)

## Vendor Codes

These are the codes to give regarding specific delivery or vendor services for your home.

USPS:1221  
UPS: 1331  
DHL: 1441  
AMAZON: 1551  
FEDEX: 1661  
VENDOR: 1771

## Yard of the Month

### Steve & Maryann Porter

Our winner this month was awarded Yard of the Month because lawn and landscape exceeds all of the criteria for Yard of the Month. The turf is healthy and the landscaping is lovely. It is quite obvious they have put forth much effort for their yard to survive the heat and drought and the neighborhood thanks you. Furthermore, they are now one of very small group of neighbors that has won the award **three times!**

Well done, Steve & Maryann!



## HOA Committees

### HOA Board

Kelly Dees  
John Grace  
Pete Hoekenga  
Jeff Morrow  
Steve Porter

### Social Committee

Ceeann Loeb  
Renee Sanchez  
**Social Co-Chairs**

### Yard of the Month Committee

Joann Barry  
Lorri Briggs  
Lyndsey Ray

### Welcoming Committee

Gabrielle Hebrand  
Lyndsey Ray

### ACC Committee

Joann Decker  
Fredelyn Christian  
Curt Walker

## How to Win...

The following is a general overview of the guidelines used to award Yard of the Month:

- 1) Curbside Appeal: Consideration for Yard of the Month is given to what is visible from the street. The committee does not trespass into homeowner backyards. Side yards are included for homes on corner lots because of their visibility from the street.
- 2) Grass should be healthy with no bare spots or excessive weeds. Indeed, patches and areas of dead / missing grass are the biggest disqualifier for consideration.
- 3) Landscaping beds should be weeded and edged, flowers should be deadheaded as necessary and dead and "woody" plants removed. Annuals, flowers and color are not mandatory but will help in the event of a tie.
- 4) The upkeep of the yard can reflect the efforts of the residents themselves or that of a professional landscaper.
- 5) "18-month rule": The same property cannot receive more than one award in an 18-month period.
- 6) Agreement to display sign: If a homeowner does not want the Yard of the Month sign in their yard, the award is then given to the runner up.
- 7) Landscaping mulch is not mandatory but will help in the event of a tie.

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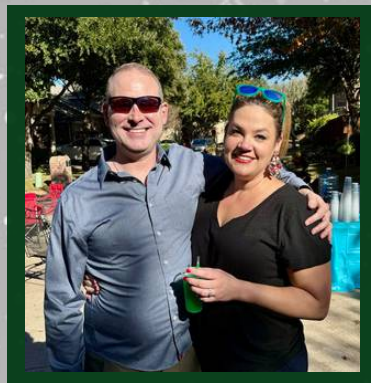


A huge thank you to our social committee for another fantastic holiday event!



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## January is...

### National Hot Tea Month

- Jan 1st: New Years Day
- Jan 6th: National Shortbread Day
- Jan 9th: World Nerd Day
- Jan 15th: Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Jan 16th: Teacher Day
- Jan 18th: Winnie the Pooh Day
- Jan 20th: National Coffee Break Day
- Jan 21st: National Hug Day
- Jan 27th: National Chocolate Cake Day
- Jan 28th: National Lego Day

## Community Reminders



Gentle reminder to pick up after our canine family members when they are out and about in the neighborhood.



### Portal Registration

Pay assessments online See ACC status etc. Contact your management staff!  
<https://lswpm.cinwebaxis.com>.



### Trash & Recycling Collection

All garbage, recycling, and yard waste must be at curb by 7am on Thursdays. Collection can occur anytime between 7am and 7pm.



### Bulk Trash

Bulk trash is scheduled for pick up the 4th Monday of the month. Please have items at curb by 7am for pick up.



To request a feature in the newsletter, email [heather@legacysouthwestpm.com](mailto:heather@legacysouthwestpm.com).

## January Community Calendar

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7	8	9 	10	11 	12	13
14	15 	16 	17	18 	19	20 
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## Shortbreads

- 10 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt optional



- In a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat butter and vanilla extract until creamed.
- Add confectioners sugar and salt; mix until combined.
- Scrape bowl down and add flour while beating on low. Scrape bowl once more and mix until combined.
- Shape the dough into a rectangular prism, wrap in plastic and chill until firm. At least an hour.
- Preheat oven to 350F (177C). Use a sharp knife to cut 1/2 inch thick slices
- Place slices, spaced at least an inch apart onto a baking sheet lined with a silicone mat or parchment paper.
- Use a fork or skewer to indent a pattern onto the top.
- Bake for about 10 minutes, rotating baking sheet in the oven halfway through.
- Transfer to a wire sheet to cool.

Recipe via [www.preppykitchen.com](http://www.preppykitchen.com)

## Making a Change? Submit an ACC

If you're making a change to the outside of your home please make sure to submit an ACC application for review and approval.

Scan QR code below to download application and instructions

