

THE RETREAT AT RIVER PARK PLACE Homeowners Association

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NEWSLETTER

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Lawn Firm Latest

The Lawn Firm is scheduled for weekly services on Thursdays this month.

Fertilizer and ant treatments will be applied on 5/9/24. There are no special instructions for these services.

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



Yard of the Month



The May yard of the month winners are Jimmie Sue and Peter Hoekenga. They have gone to great lengths to make their highly visible corner lot a showstopper with excellent thriving turf and beautifully terraced landscaping. All of their work is greatly appreciated by their neighbors. Fantastic job, Peter and Jimmie Sue!



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.



Save the Date!

The annual River Park Place HOA
summer block party has been scheduled
for June 2nd from 5:00- 8:00!

Brad Thomspen will be returning as the
live musical entertainment and catering
will be provided by The Hamburger
Man!

May is... ALS Awareness Month

May 4th: Star Wars Day
May 6th: National Nurses Day
May 9th: National Sleep Over Day
May 11th: National Miniature Golf Day
May 15th: Straw Hat Day
May 20th: World Bee Day
May 22nd: Sherlock Holmes Day
May 27th: Memorial Day
May 31st: National Smile 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.cincwebaxis.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.

May Community Calendar

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Ice Cream

1½ cups milk
1½ cups heavy cream
⅔ cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
⅛ teaspoon kosher salt



- Stir together your ice cream mixture and pour it into an 8-10 inch square baking pan.
- **FIRST FREEZE:** Place it in the freezer for 90 minutes. Remove from the freezer and whisk the mixture, scraping the sides of the pan and breaking up any frozen chunks. Return the pan to the freezer and continue freezing.
- **SECOND FREEZE:** Check it again after 45 minutes. Remove from the freezer and whisk the mixture, scraping the sides of the pan well. Use a sturdy whisk to whip the mixture a bit as it begins to freeze. Make sure you're scraping the edges completely every time. Return to the freezer as quickly as possible after whisking the mixture each time.
- **ADDITIONAL FREEZING STEPS:** Continue freezing the mixture, checking it again after 30 minutes. Remove from the freezer and whisk the mixture, scraping the sides of the pan well. Use a sturdy whisk to whip the mixture a bit as it begins to freeze. Make sure you're scraping the edges completely every time. Repeat this process 2 more times, every 30 minutes. After a couple of hours, it should be thickening to a slushy soft-serve consistency.
- Continue breaking the ice cream up and stirring it for as long as you like. The longer that you whisk the ice cream and continue breaking it up as it freezes, it will create an airier or fluffier final product. Ice cream without a machine typically takes 3-4 hours to freeze to a soft-serve consistency.