



# Lowes Farm News



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## POOL PARTY!!!!

The Social Committee will be hosting the **Lowes Farm Pool Party on June 4th from 3-5pm.**

Food will be provided so please RSVP by May 28th so the right amount of food can be ordered.

I need to know how many adults and children under 12 will be in your party. The party is open to all Lowes Farm residents. Don't forget your towels and sunscreen!

RSVP to: Kara King

682-518-1331

[kara98@charter.net](mailto:kara98@charter.net)

## Lowes Farm Spring Garage Sale:



This will be held on June 3rd.

Signs will be placed at the entrances to the subdivision and out on Hwy. 360, however each participating homeowner is responsible for putting signs in their own yards. Also, the group organizing this event will request from the HOA \$38 as reimbursement for putting an ad about the garage sale in the newspaper. Once the garage sale is over arrangements will be made for the Salvation Army to come pick up the "left-overs." This will be scheduled for the week after the garage sale. If you plan to participate, don't forget to purchase your Garage Sale permit. If anyone needs details on how to do that, please contact Judi Vasterling at [judivasterling@charter.net](mailto:judivasterling@charter.net)

## Lowes Farm Playgroup:

This group meets on Friday mornings. Anyone who is interested should contact Lisa Kammaz by e-mail ([rkammaz@msn.com](mailto:rkammaz@msn.com)) or by phone (817-473-8031) for more details or be added to this group. Please note meeting places and activities vary from week to week, so there isn't a set list or schedule regarding locations and activities.

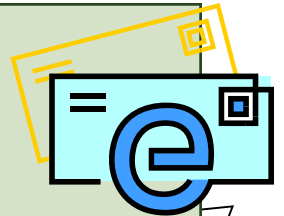
## Lowes Farm Ladies Night Information:

Lowes Farm Ladies Night is on the first Tuesday of every month. If you want to be on the Ladies Night email list please email Margaret Moore at [margaret\\_m@charter.net](mailto:margaret_m@charter.net) with the following information for yourself.

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email



## Lowes Farm Community Email List:



The Lowes Farm Communications Committee is creating a NEW community email list. This list will be used to email reminders about upcoming events, neighborhood meetings and emergency issues. It will not be used for advertising or spam. If you want your name included on this list, please email Judi Vasterling with your email address. **The old community addresses will no longer be used and only those that email her directly will be on the new list.** Please send your email to Judi by May 31.

Judi Vasterling  
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# Lowe's Farm News

## Lowe's Farm Safety Committee:

The Safety Committee received a fantastic response for volunteers after the April 12 meeting. Thank You! We will have our next meeting on May 22. If you are interested in helping on the Safety Committee or just want to offer your input please feel free to attend. Contact me at [dans@tomar.com](mailto:dans@tomar.com)

The Safety Committee's primary focus this summer will be starting a Neighborhood Watch program. This is an outstanding chance for Lowe's Farm to cooperate with the Mansfield Police Department to keep our neighborhood safe! There will be a need for block captains so if you are interested in participating in that capacity, please let me know! We want to have the program up and running by August 1 so we can participate in the National Neighborhood Night Out. It's a great chance for everyone to meet their neighbors and learn how best to help each other.

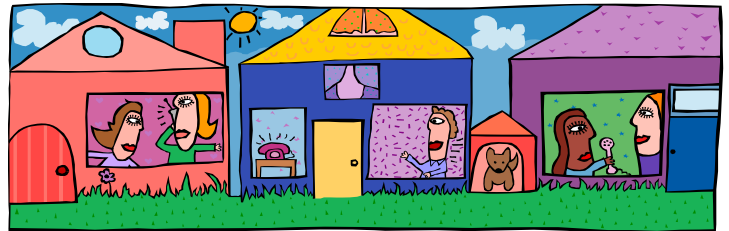
The other issue we are paying special attention to is safety and security at our wonderful pool facility. Unfortunately we have had some challenges in this area but the Safety Committee is looking at a number of options to make the pool safer and more secure. Additional lighting and new access

controls are under consideration. You should be seeing improvements soon!

Finally, many have asked about a stop sign on Woodcrest, especially when Woodcrest is eventually opened up to HWY 360. The city has informed us that when commercial development eventually advances on the west side of Lowe's Farm that at that time the city will consider the appropriate stops signs on Woodcrest. The city has indicated that "chances are a stop sign will be warranted" by the pool area.

Please let us know how we can serve you and the neighborhood in regards to our safety and security.

Dan Sides  
Safety Committee Chairperson



## Lowe's Farm Pool Committee:

### The Pool is Officially Open!!

The pool committee hopes that everyone has a fantastic summer and gets plenty of use out of the pool this year! Our goal is to keep it clean and safe for all of our residents.

A few quick reminders:

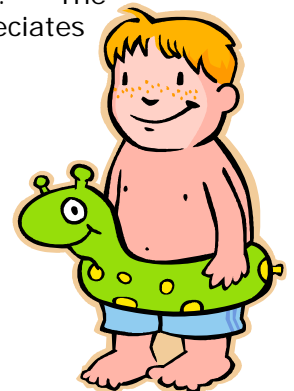
- Please make sure little ones that are not potty trained wear the swimmers.
- Please wear appropriate pool attire (bathing suits, swim trunks, etc.). It has come to our attention that some folks have been swimming in denim shorts and t-shirts. Not only could the chlorine have an affect on your clothes, but the denim could also bleed into the pool.
- PLEASE DO NOT LET ANYONE IN BEHIND YOU WHEN YOU OPEN THE GATE WITH THE CODE. IF YOU ARE NOT 100% CERTAIN THEY LIVE IN LOWE'S FARM, THEN YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THE GATE SHUTS BEHIND YOU. This may seem

rude if you see someone coming in behind you but it is the **ONLY** way we can be sure that non-residents are not using our amenities.

Please be respectful of the supplies at the pool. There are life preservers and such that are there for the sole purpose of an emergency...they are NOT toys.

I realize we may sound a bit extreme, but as I said before, our #1 goal this year is to make sure that our residents are able to enjoy the pool in a safe and comfortable environment. The pool committee greatly appreciates your support!!

Thank you,  
Suzanne Dalton  
Pool Committee  
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## Garage Sale Permit Process

The City of Mansfield used to sell Community permits, but they stopped that practice last year. Here are the details regarding the Garage Sale Permits:

- every address requires a separate permit
- you must complete the application and purchase a \$5.00 garage sale permit BEFORE the garage sale date of June 3rd
- You can find the application on-line at the following website:
- <http://www.mansfield-tx.gov/> (if this link doesn't work, type the address into the address field of your browser).
- you can print it at home, and take the completed form with you to the Dept. of Building Services when you pick up the permit; or fill one out when you get there
- The Dept. of Building Services is at City Hall, next to the Water Dept. on the first floor.
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At the home page, follow these steps to get to the Garage Sale Application form:

1. Click on the Departments & Divisions link in the left hand pane called "QUICK LINKS";
2. Click on the Building Services Department link;
3. Click on the Permit Applications link under "QUICK LINKS";
4. Click on the "+" sign next to the Residential Forms link; and finally,
5. Click on the Garage Sale Application line which will open up the form in PDF format.

## Dear Lowes Farm Homeowners,

Many of you, as of late have, have noticed an unusually large number of yards that are not being maintained to community standards and have expressed concerns.

Many homeowners were caught by surprise by the very odd winter weather that we experienced this year. The fact that it was very warm interspersed with some very cold days created an environment for all types of weeds to germinate and grow rapidly as soon as the first hint of spring developed.

As well, it seemed due the preponderance of yard with weeds, many homeowners were not utilizing a system of using pre and post-emergent to control weed growth and did not know how to deal with the weeds in their yards.

Rest assured that when there is a violation of the governing documents, Premier follows a process to provide for enforcement of the deed restrictions. The violation notice system developed by Premier attempts to give homeowners a chance to correct their overall yard maintenance system by notifying the homeowner with a "Friendly Reminder 1<sup>st</sup> Notice", a more direct "2<sup>nd</sup> No-

tice" and then a "Final Notice."

The end result of some of these situations is that it may take some time to see any kind of significant change in a particular lawn. We also have to use some common sense judgment in addressing the violation with a homeowner prior taking the ultimate step, which is Premier sending a landscaping vendor onto the lot to address the violation and charging the cost to the homeowners HOA account which, and/or sending the matter to the Association attorney for remedy.



As we drive the property weekly, we are aware of the yards needing attention and are working hard to contact that homeowner and urging them to correct the situation as soon as possible. It is also worth noting that there is a large portion of the homeowners in the community are putting forth a lot of effort to make their yards and homes look beautiful, which is appreciated by all. Everyone doing their part here is what will help keep property values high for all.

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