



Spring Meadow Estates HOA News

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MANAGER'S CORNER

DEAR HOMEOWNERS,

Hello Everyone Spring Meadows has made it through the summer and fall is around the corner. Hopefully we can all look forward to the cooler months. Welcome all new homeowners! My name is Tracey Harmel and I am your Homeowner Association Manager. It has definitely been a long hot summer. With that in mind please let me remind you that your trees, shrubs, and turf may need extra watering. Please check your irrigation timers. Let me take this opportunity to remind you that any trees or shrubs that have died in the summer heat must be replaced. This would also include any turf lost to the extreme heat. The season to replace or plant trees is the end of September through the month of November. This is the best time to contact your local nursery and order any replacement trees necessary.

October is a good month to apply your Pre-emergence. You may want to check with your local lawn and garden supplier for the brand which is best for your grass type. You will want to make sure it controls grassy weeds, crab grass, and Broad Leaf weeds. It will save you headaches in the spring when everything is coming up. You will also have a clean turf to be proud of.

Your National Night Out was a great success. Your committee members worked very hard to put on the event. Hats off to them all! Kudos to all your committee chairpersons and the members. They volunteer their time and energy to provide the great events.

As a Homeowner Association Member you too are the eyes and ears of your community. If you see something that needs to be addressed please contact me. We can work together to make sure Spring Meadows remains a beautiful community and great place to live.

Please contact me at: 214-871-9700 ext 275 or email me at: tracey.harmel@premiercommunities.net

I look forward to working with you and assisting the community anyway I can. Enjoy the upcoming cooler weather and always be safe.

Tracey Harmel
Association Manager
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KITCHEN ENERGY SAVERS

- Move your refrigerator away from the stove, dishwasher, or heat vents. Make sure the door seals are airtight.
- Wait until your dishwasher is full before you run it but don't overload it.
- Use pots that fit the size of the burners on your stove. Use lids so you can cook at a lower temperature.
- Match the water level and temperature settings on your washer to the size of your load. Don't fill the machine for just a few items.
- Clean your dryer lint filter before you put in a new load.
- Make sure your water heater is set to 120 degrees. Some thermostats are preset to 140 degrees, which can cost you more money.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Have you notice a street light out in our neighborhood? All street lights located throughout the City are installed by developers or the electric company and all are maintained by ONCOR. ONCOR is responsible for repairing and replacing street lights. You may contact ONCOR at 1-888-313-4747 or call the City Hall at 972-495-1212 ext. 20. If your call to the City does not do get the light fixed, a call to ONCOR might be in order. We have had several lights out in the area before and ONCOR did a great job in getting them repaired.

Helpful hint: If you have dead spots in your lawn, you might want to check your water system controller. If you have an Irritrol KwikDial controller and have an error message "FUSE". You could have 1 or more stations that are not working. Here is what you can do. Call Weathermatic, Customer Care at 972-926-2155. At no charge they will replace all of solenoids. There have been over 265,000 faulty solenoids that are being replaced.

Now that summer is over (and what a hot one it was) and fall is here, it is a good idea to treat your trees and scrubs with the appropriate food. If you notice brown spots on the leaves of your trees--- they may be in heat shock. Take a leaf to your local Tree and Plant Nursery and they can tell you what is needed to bring them back to health.

In the past three month, we have had one ACC request for a Patio cover and this was approved. Remember. If you are making any changes to the exterior of your home, you must submit an ACC request to Premier Management Company. This includes Patio Covering, Pools, Storage Buildings, Paint, Drains and down spouts, landscaping bricks or rocks, driveways and trees, etc.

We want to say welcome to all the new residents that have moved in this summer. We are glad you are here.

We'll be seeing everyone in the neighborhood.

Lynda Rubey



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Well, we had our National Night Out Ice Cream Social last night and wasn't that fun!!!. What a great way to meet and get to know more of our neighbors in the community. I want to thank all of the Social Committee for all of their timeless efforts in the planning and making our outing such a success. The Ice Cream Sundae's were enjoyed by all. We had lots of visitors by the police department who explained the new Sachse Police Department AOR Program. Their intent is to be more involved part of the community by working with us in our neighborhood. The AOR officers for our neighborhood are Sgt. Jordan, Officer Oliver, Officer Fox and Officer McCury. They will be patrolling our neighborhoods on a daily basis. Live Entertainment by the Diamonds in the Rough (what can I say--very entertaining), games of bean bag toss and ring toss, water balloon toss between parents and their children, and face painting were some of the activities. We had a great attendance from our community in support of our police department in the fight against crime. Mayor Mike Felix made an appearance and presented a Proclamation to Spring Meadow Estates. Photos of our outing are posted on our local website at www.springmeadowestates.net. Check them out. Our next outing will be April or May. We will see you then.

Lynda Rubey
Social Committee Chairperson

Did You Know...

...the easiest way to conserve tens of thousands of gallons of water around your home is to reduce the water you use on your landscape?

Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk or street.

Also, the next time you add or replace a flower or shrub, choose a low water use plant for year-round landscape color and save up to 550 gallons each year!



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the communications committee is to keep the association members informed of events and information pertaining to the community. As our newest residents may want to know, our portal for doing so is the community website at www.springmeadowstates.net.

The website is for your benefit and use. We've added to the section titled 'hire your neighbor' to help our residents inform neighbors of their side businesses or primary pursuits that may be of use to them. It's always good to help each other out that way when we can. I hope our efforts do their part to build a cohesive community where neighbors know neighbors.

The association is working to build a babysitting co-op. With so many new (or renewed) parents in our neighborhood, this will allow time for date night with our spouses. When this comes to fruition, the website will inform and facilitate the signup for this idea. As always, please feel free to submit any ideas or news that you feel the community could benefit from.

Sincerely,
Darin Petersen
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SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dear Residents:

Identity theft is the one of the fastest growing crimes in America. It is important that you take steps to safeguard your personal information of your family members. This can be a devastating financial crime with serious long term consequences if you become a victim. According to the Federal Trade Commission, here are some common ways that ID theft happens:

1. Dumpster diving- Individuals go through your garbage and find personal information contained there
2. Skimming- Individuals steal credit or debit card information by using special storage devices when you give them your card for transactions
3. Phishing- Individuals send spam emails and pretend to be a legitimate financial organization that you do business with to gain your information
4. Changing your address- Individuals divert your billing information to another address to gain access to sensitive account numbers and other information
5. "Old fashioned" stealing- Individuals steal wallets, purses, mail, account statement, packages to get your information and goods

While it is impossible to guarantee that your information will not be taken and used illegally in some manner, there are steps that you can take to minimize your risk of identity theft.

1. Shred ALL documents with personal identifiers, your address, or any other information that could be used by someone to gain access to your history, accounts, or identity. This includes junk mail!
2. Protect your social security number, home address, and date of birth information. Never carry birth certificates or social security cards in your wallet.
3. Never share personal information with anyone over the phone, internet, or in emails that you did not contact and whose identity you cannot verify.
4. Never click on links that come to your inbox as spam. Utilize spyware, antivirus, and firewall protections on your computers.
5. Do not use obvious passwords such your mother's maiden name, your date of birth, the last four of your social security number, or your spouse or children's names or personal information.
6. Protect your sensitive information in your house in a safe if you have roommates, outside help come in to your home, or if you will be leaving your home on vacation.
7. Every year you and your spouse should request a free credit report to monitor your accounts. The law requires all three national companies (Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian) to provide this free of charge annually. Contact www.annualcreditreport.com or call 877-322-8228 to request your copy.
8. If your identity is compromised, you should file a police report and report the crime to the Federal Trade Commission. You may also put a fraud alert on your credit report with each of the three credit bureaus. For more information, contact ftc.gov/idtheft

For more information on how to protect your identity, please contact the Consumer Response Center at the Federal Trade Commission online by visiting ftc.gov/idtheft. Be safe and be aware of what you can do to protect your family.

Denise Paquette Boots
Safety Committee Chairperson



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NO CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL ZONES

On July 7, 2008, the Sachse City Council approved an ordinance stating that it is unlawful to drive or operate a motor vehicle in a school zone on official school days during hours when the school zones are in effect while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call or to create, send or read messages or data. When the school year begins, please be aware and take notice of the new signage announcing this new ordinance. Once signage is in place, the new ordinance will take effect. This is a ticket-able offense.



SACHSE CONTACTS

Animal Services - 972.495.2271, ext. 157
Building Permits - 972.675.1633
Citizens Information Services - 972.495.1212, ext. 20
Code Enforcement - 972.495.0975
Electric Company - 1.888.313.6862
Gas Company (Non-Emergency) - 1.800.460.3030
Gas Company (Emergency) - 1.800.817.8090
Library - 972.530.8966
Municipal Court - 972.495.1212, ext. 27
Parks and Recreation - 469.429.0275
Park and Pavilion Reservations - 469.429.0275
Police Non-Emergency - 972.495.2271
Senior Citizen Center -
(Laurie Schwenk Senior Activity Center) 972.495.6282
Street Light Outage (ONCOR) - 1.888.313.4747
Solid Waste Services - 972.495.1212, ext. 29 or 30
Traffic Operations - 972.495.7600
Water/Sewer Customer Service - 972.495.1212, ext. 29
Water/Sewer Emergency After Hours - 972.495.2271, Ext. 4
Water Billing Questions - 972.495.1212, ext. 29

