

# Crawford Farms Chronicle

## SOCIAL NEWS

Crawford Farms Social Committee has several events planned for 2006. We are looking for your help in volunteering some time in making these events a success. Please join us each month at the Social Committee meeting and become involved in your community. You can contact Tina or Karen at [socialcommittee@crawfordfarmshoa.com](mailto:socialcommittee@crawfordfarmshoa.com)

Social Committee Upcoming Events:

- March 24 - 25 - Community Garage Sale
- April 8<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 3:00 - Spring Bazaar and Easter Egg Hunt
- TBD - Independence Day Celebration
- TBD - Fall Festival
- TBD - Holiday Tree Lighting

Please check the CF HOA Website for any date/time corrections.



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## LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS:

If you are interested in playing in a Women's Bunco Group, please email Jamor and Pam at

[Bunco@crawfordfarmshoa.com](mailto:Bunco@crawfordfarmshoa.com).

## GARAGE SALE MARCH 24 AND 25, 2006



A free permit is needed from the city of Ft. Worth, at least 72 hours prior to the planned sale date. Please check the CF website to obtain a garage sale permit or call the City of Fort Worth (817) 392.2222

Fort Worth Garage Sale Guidelines:  
Let's take a look at the actual code. City Code Appendix A, Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 5.402 states:

*In any residential district, occasional sales restricted to garages and patios not to exceed two in number on the same premises in any one calendar year, by a*

*person who does not hold himself out as engaging in, or does not habitually engage in, the business of selling such property at retail are permitted, provided that the following requirements are met:*

- 3! The sale shall be confined to the garage and/or patio of the premises*
- 3! No new merchandise acquired solely for the purpose of resale on the premises shall be sold at such occasional sale*
- 3! The duration of each such sale shall not exceed three consecutive calendar days*
- 3! A permit shall be secured at least 72 hours prior to the sale and shall be prominently posted on such premises during such sale*
- 3! The permit fee amount shall be as established by the city council*
- 3! Only one sign shall be permitted, not to exceed two square feet in area, upon the premises where and when the sale is taking place. All other signs relating to the sale, either on or off the premises, shall be violations of this section*

### Walking Club:

Now looking for interested women to form a Crawford Farms Walking Club. How does walking 3 times a week sound?

If interested, call or email Peggy Jansen, 817-562-1403 or [walk@crawfordfarmshoa.com](mailto:walk@crawfordfarmshoa.com).

### Compost 101 Class

Saturday, February 25, 2006, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. A FREE Compost 101 class will be offered on this date from at the Botanic Garden. Class covers basics of home composting. Call 817-392-6301 to register or get more details.

### Men's Poker Night

If interested, contact Andrew Schmidt at [Poker@crawfordfarmshoa.com](mailto:Poker@crawfordfarmshoa.com)

## SPRING BAZAAR AND EASTER EGG HUNT: APRIL 8, 1:00PM-3:00 PM

Bring the kids out to the pool area at 1:00 on April 8<sup>th</sup> for an Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your camera for photos with the Easter bunny! While the hunting is going on, you can browse through booths set up by neighborhood businesses and arts & crafts. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and support our community!

If you have a local business you would like to setup for the Spring Bazaar, please contact the social committee through the website or to [Tina.R.Ruiz@sprint.com](mailto:Tina.R.Ruiz@sprint.com) to sign-up. You will need to bring your own table and sign.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

### 1) BURGLARY AWARENESS

Unfortunately, our community is developing a reputation as an easy mark for burglars. It is our #1 safety issue today. What you can do to deter them and help end our problem:

KEEP YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED and VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT  
KEEP YOUR GARAGE DOOR CLOSED  
LEAVE YOUR OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT  
INFORM YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN OR MYSELF IF YOU ARE BURGLARIZED

### 2) BLOCK CAPTAIN CONTACTS

Your Block Captain contact information is now available on the website. If you are not yet a member of the Neighborhood Crime Watch, we encourage you to join. If you are, please stay in touch with your Captain. Taking ownership of Crawford Farms is the best way to a safe community.

You can always contact me through the website, at my email address [sheff9@gmail.com](mailto:sheff9@gmail.com), at home at 817-741-3332, or on my cell at 817-691-9798.

Scott Sheffield  
Safety Committee Chair

## STORM DRAINS ARE FOR RAIN, NOT DUMPING

City workers never know what they're going to encounter when inspecting Fort Worth's more than 900 miles of storm drains. Some recent finds include grocery carts, hubcaps, tree limbs, bowling balls, railroad ties — even old cars.

The city's storm drains are designed for rain — and only rain. The drains keep large amounts of water from flooding homes and property during storms. Those rectangular cutouts along streets, known as curb inlets, lead straight to the nearest neighborhood creek, river and lake. Storm water does not go to a treatment facility to be cleaned; so when someone dumps something down a storm drain the results can be disastrous.

- Pollution problems – Dumping oil, paint or other hazardous chemicals into a storm drain pollutes

our creeks, rivers and lakes, many of which are our sources of drinking water. The number one pollutant found in Fort Worth storm drains is detergent, which can kill fish and other wildlife.

- Drainage problems – Tree limbs, grass clippings, trash and other debris clog storm drains, causing backups. During heavy rains, these backups cause flooding of streets, homes and businesses.

What can you do?

- Take leftover household chemicals such as paint, antifreeze, motor oil, cooking oil and batteries to the city's Environmental Collection Center at 6400 Bridge St. Call 817-871-5257 for operating hours and a complete list of what's accepted or visit <http://www.fortworthgov.org/DEM/eccpg.htm>



## NO POSTING SIGNS ON STOP SIGNS OR LIGHT POLES:

Did you know that it is illegal to post signs on light poles? According to the city ordinance, it is unlawful to post, fasten, erect, display or locate any sign on any structure, tree, pole, curb, or elsewhere within the rights of way on any public street. Violators can be ticketed, and a judge will determine a

fine based on the violation. Please use [CrawfordFarmsHoa.com](http://CrawfordFarmsHoa.com) news to post important information, like lost and found pets. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Wray at 682-286-1445 or [charles.wray@premiercommunities.net](mailto:charles.wray@premiercommunities.net)



## 2005 HOLIDAY LIGHTING CONTEST WINNERS

The \$75.00 Grand Prize was awarded to  
Emmett and Paula Perkins, 10604 Elmhurst Lane.  
Congratulations and thank you for your beautiful light display!

**Best Children's Theme** was won by the Blake Watson family, 10608 Grayhawk Lane, for the frolicking Dalmatians.  
Thank you and enjoy your \$50.00 prize.

**Best Winter Wonderland Scene** was awarded to Tom and Linda Teague, 10230 Cantana Ct.  
Great job and enjoy your \$50.00 prize!



### Honorable Mention Winners

3617 Delaney Drive  
10317 Grayhawk Lane  
4309 Stonecrest Court  
4116 Ainsly Lane  
10113 Renwick Cove

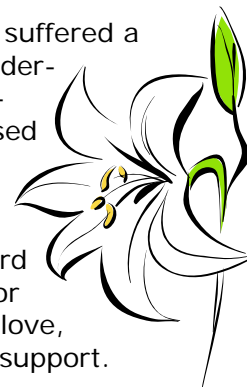
Congratulations **Oldfield Court** homeowners for having the most homes decorated on an individual street.

**Magnificent!!**

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## SHROEDER FAMILY MEMORIAL

Crawford Farms has suffered a tragedy, losing a wonderful and loving family. They will be missed by friends and neighbors dearly.



We thank the Crawford Farms Community for their outpouring of love, sympathy and support.

### Schroeder Memorial Fund:

Memorials may be made to the  
Wells Fargo Bank,  
66 W. Springer Drive,  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

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## PET CORNER

Crawford Farms has recently experienced many lost and found pets and they tug at the heartstrings of animal lovers. The problem seems to be getting worse, not better. I contacted Alta Vista Animal Hospital, 3860 Golden Triangle Blvd, and was told Lexington Place (north of CF) has always been a dumping ground for unwanted animals and the problem has spread to Crawford Farms.

Alta Vista Animal Hospital provides the following services:

If you find a pet, Alta Vista Animal Hospital will scan the animal for an Identification Chip to help you find the owner. This is a "no charge" procedure, unless other services are requested. Please call for an appointment, 817-431-2526.

If you choose to Identification Chip your pet, Alta Vista charges \$35.00 unless other procedures are requested. Another vet I contacted charges \$88.00 for the same procedure. The cost to for you to register your pet on a national database is an additional \$15.00.

For more information contact your local Humane Society or go to the American Kennel Club Animal Recovery website [found@akc.org](mailto:found@akc.org).

Linda Sageman, 817-741-1042

## BARK! BARK!

**Is Fido always barking outside?** Did you know that the City of Fort Worth has a noise ordinance that covers animal barking, and you could be fined up to \$500? The noise ordinance states that animals that cause "frequent or long-continued noise" that disturbs "the comfort and repose of any person of ordinary sensibilities in the immediate vicinity" are prohibited. If your favorite family pet likes to bark when it is outside, please be courteous to your neighbors and take action to see that your neighbors are disturbed as little as possible.

If you have a complaint about a noisy dog, please contact the Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Division at 817-392-3737 ext. 1834. A complaint must contain the following:

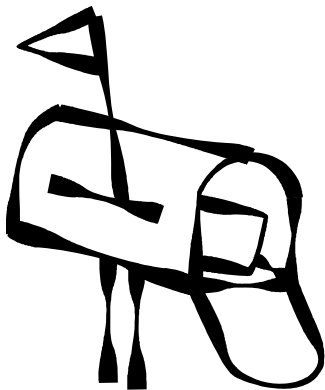
- 3 the name of the owner and/or an accurate description of the owner;
- 3 the address of the animal owner;
- 3 a description of the animal(s);
- 3 the date(s) and times of the noise nuisance and how long the noise continues.

(This log must be kept for at least seven days.)



**Crawford Farms Homeowners Association, Inc.**

c/o Premier Communities Management Company  
2711 N. Haskell, Suite 2650  
Dallas, TX 75204



**WANT TO AVOID  
THOSE FRIENDLY  
REMINDER LETTERS?**

~ Make sure that your yard is maintained, that the grass is trim and the weeds are under control

- ~ Keep your trash containers out of sight from the street and put away when it is not a collection day
- ~ Send in an application for any exterior home and landscaping improvements that you plan to make this spring
- ~ Keep all recreational vehicles and boats out of the street

**Thank you for making Crawford Farms  
a great place to live!**

**PREMIER COMMUNITIES  
MANAGEMENT COMPANY  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Association Manager-**

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**Accounting/Billing questions-**

Rhonda Yancy, 214-871-9700 ext. 346  
rhonda.yancey@premiercommunities.net

**After hours Emergency number-**

214-871-9700, ext. 350