



Hello again, and welcome to the fourth edition of the Erwin Farms Newsletter! We are excited about the way our community is growing, and hope that this newsletter will be a valuable tool to help us all improve our community and come together as friends and neighbors. As always, we encourage all of our neighbors (both existing and new arrivals) to join our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/Erwin-Farms) for the most up-to-date information about events, social groups, activities, and other items of interest. Another good source of news and information is the Erwin Farms Homeowners Association website (<http://erwinfarmshoa.com>), where you can find contact information for Essex Management, and neighborhood directory, architectural documents, and archived copies of past newsletters. Please also notice the Committee information; there are several committees that have been set up to address issues or interest to our entire Erwin Farms community. These committees are made up of volunteers who want to make Erwin Farms a great place to live; we hope you will consider lending your time and talents to one of these committees, or maybe even suggesting a committee to address a concern that may not be listed yet. Have a great day!



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www.facebook.com/groups/ErwinFarms

Erwin Farms Notice of Annual Meeting

We are pleased to remind you of the Annual Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct normal business of the Association and present information on current Association affairs. You should have received a proxy, which can be used in the event that you are unable to attend the meeting. A meeting cannot be held unless a quorum is present, either in person or by proxy.

Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Jack Cockrill Middle School Cafeteria
1351 Hardin Boulevard
McKinney, TX 75071

The doors will open at 6:15pm to sign in and verify proxies. We are looking forward to seeing you on February 27, 2018. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Essex at 972-428-2030.

Erwin Farms Homeowners Association, Inc.
Essex Association Management, L.P. Managing Agent
Further information:
<http://erwinfarmshoa.com/homepage.aspx>

US Postal Service Informed Delivery

As we all know, Erwin Farms uses community mailboxes that require residents to go to a central location to get their mail. This can be an inconvenience, especially if a special trip is made only to find the mailbox empty or filled with 'junk mail'. To help, the US Postal Service provides a service called Informed Delivery, which will provide a digital picture of anything delivered to your mailbox on a given day. The service is free and can be accessed online at USPS.com. You will be required to create an account (it's free and easy to do), then you can enroll in Informed Delivery through the Preferences tab. The entire process can be done in 10 minutes or less. It is recommended that you take advantage of this very useful service.

Safety Committee Helpful Hints



Our community is growing and getting better all the time. Unfortunately, that rapid growth also increases the risk of our being victims of burglary. Here is a list of things we can do to protect ourselves and our property. This information has been compiled from various sources, including websites devoted to Home Security such as safewise.com, porch.com, simplisafe.com, and others.

1. Keep your doors locked! A surprising number of sources indicate that many times burglars walk into a home through an unlocked front or back door. Lock the doors and windows every time you leave, even for a short time.
 2. Install an active alarm system and use it. This is the number one deterrent listed by security sources. An alarm sounding will cause the burglar to leave immediately.
 3. Keep the outside well lit. This is an issue in our community due to a scarcity of street lighting. Burglars prefer to work in the dark so that they can't be seen while attempting to break into a home.
 4. Keep shrubbery and landscaping away from windows and doors. Try to keep windows and doors in plain sight, not blocked by high bushes.
 5. Have a dog. Most sources say that burglars avoid homes with dogs, even if they are small dogs. Small, medium, and large dogs can all bark and scare away a burglar.
 6. Don't let your home look empty. Having a TV or radio on during the day gives the impression that someone is home, and usually will discourage a burglar. If you will be gone overnight, have timers on some lights to make the home look occupied. Most sources cautioned against having the TV or radio on too loud, or leaving it on all night, as this might seem odd and let the burglar know that no one is really home.
 7. Don't let newspapers or mail accumulate in the yard. Have a neighbor pick up papers or packages that may be left on the porch while you are away.
 8. Don't give workers too much information about your activities. Unfortunately, not everyone who comes into our homes to do work is completely honest. There is no reason to discuss your planned weekend out-of-town trip in front of strangers.
- Which leads to our recommendation for the best way to protect yourself:
9. GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER!

Committees:

To make a neighborhood really great, it takes a commitment of time and energy by the residents. This is a list of the committees that have been formed so far, with the names of the Chairperson for each (please note, several have changed since the last newsletter). If you have time and/or talent that you think might be helpful, please contact the Chairperson of the committee you would like to be involved with, and they can guide you from there. Thanks to all of you that have volunteered your time and efforts to make Erwin Farms an exceptional place to live!

Social – Kelly Broussard/Rhonda Babin

Communication – Barbara Burke

Holiday Decorations – Rhonda Babin

Finance – Robert Lofgren

Landscape – Darren Thompson

Lighting – Darren Thompson

Safety – Ben Burke



The Neighborhood Directory is available on Facebook! The Erwin Farms Resident Directory (revision 3) is available for download from the Erwin

Farms Facebook page. The directory is for RESIDENTS USE ONLY!!! If your information is missing (or inaccurate), please contact Barbara to have it included and/or updated in the next revision.



POOL UPDATE

Exciting News from Essex! Our neighborhood pool should be ready for this summer's swimming season. It will be open 9am – 9pm daily. There will NOT be a lifeguard. There WILL be a motion sensor on during closed hours for safety.



REMEMBER:

File Your Homestead Exemptions By April 30