



# TURNBRIDGE MANOR NEWS

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## NO ALARM PERMIT? THAT WILL BE \$500. NEXT CASE

Most homes in Turnbridge Manor have security alarms already installed. The City of Frisco requires all homeowners who use their alarms to have an Alarm Permit, which costs \$25 per year. It does not matter whether a security company monitors your alarm or not. You must have an Alarm Permit if you ever use your alarm. If you never activate your alarm then you do not need a permit. Your security monitoring company is not responsible for paying the annual fee.

If police respond to your alarm for any reason and you do not have a permit they will issue you a citation. The fine for not having a permit is \$500. To obtain an Alarm Permit just print the application (the form is available at [www.turnbridgemanor.com/forms/alarm.pdf](http://www.turnbridgemanor.com/forms/alarm.pdf)) and fill it out. Take the form to the Frisco Police Station at 8750 McKinney Road in Frisco. Enter through the main library entrance and go to the Police Records office to pay the fee. You can pay for more than one year if you wish. In about a week you will receive an official alarm window decal in the mail.

Alarm systems are a deterrent, but the best way to

prevent crime is to keep your eyes open and your garage doors closed. Most crimes in Frisco are crimes of opportunity. Thieves cruise neighborhoods looking for an easy score—an open garage with golf clubs and tools or an unlocked car with a laptop or briefcase. Neighborhoods with alleys are particularly attractive because thieves can cruise them during the day without being noticed. It takes less than a minute for a thief to grab something out of your garage and be long gone.

Cars parked in driveways or streets are prime pickings; vehicle burglaries are by far the most common residential crime in Frisco. If you can't park your car in your garage be sure to keep it locked and never leave anything of value in it, especially a garage door opener. That is an invitation for thieves to enter your garage as well as your house. Never leave keys or purses/wallets in cars parked in your garage.

Do not hesitate to call the police if you see or hear anything suspicious. The non-emergency police number is **972-335-5505**. If there is no answer, call **9-1-1** and tell the dispatcher it is not an emer-

gency. You will not have to talk to the police officer or file a complaint if you do not want to. The Frisco Police Department urges all citizens to report suspicious circumstances—their job is check it out and find out if there is anything wrong.

Vandalism at our community pool and pond area is an expensive problem. We ask all homeowners who live near the pool and pond area to keep an eye out for people in the pool area when it closed. Swimming is not allowed in the pond and no one is allowed on the dam between the two ponds. As a Turnbridge Manor homeowner you have the right to ask anyone who is trespassing to leave. If you do not want to get involved then call the non-emergency police number and report the trespassers.

Fortunately we live in a nice community with a relatively low crime rate. But one crime is too many, especially if you are the victim. Become involved in the neighborhood, get to know your neighbors, talk to each other, and don't hesitate to call the police. Together we can make Turnbridge Manor even safer.

**2006 HOA Calendar  
of Annual Events**

- Feb. 16th Social Committee Kick-off
- Mar. 12th TBM Food Drive
- April 8th Easter Egg Hunt
- May 29th Memorial Day Picnic
- July School Supply Drive
- Aug. 1st National Night Out
- Oct. Halloween Parade and Fall Festival

**Social Committee and Crime Watch Committee Chairmen Appointed for 2006**

New Social Committee Chairman, Karen Bridges, and Crime Watch Chairman, Robert Sturdevant, were appointed at the January 24th Board mtg. Both are working hard to get their committees up and running for 2006 and would welcome any new members who are interested in making TBM an even better place to live!

Karen is hosting a Social

Committee meeting at her home on February 16th at 7:00pm to plan activities, discuss budgets and assign event leaders. If you would like to meet a lot of really great people and help with social events in the neighborhood, or if you just have ideas that you would like to share, please contact Karen at: [sparty84@comcast.net](mailto:sparty84@comcast.net)

Robert is looking for a few good men (and women) to help make our community as

safe as it can be. He plans to overhaul the Crime Watch program to make it more effective for the size of our community. He needs both committee members and Block Captains, so if you would like to take an active role in making TBM a safer place to live, please contact Robert at:

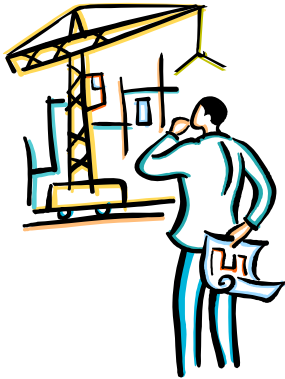
[sturdyrob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sturdyrob@sbcglobal.net)  
The first Crime Watch meeting will be held Mar. 1st.

**ACC Committee Appointed**

Thank you to Bill Glatch, Tim Champagne, and Brent Fudala for agreeing to serve on the Turnbridge Manor Architectural Control Committee. All improvements to the exterior of the home require approval from the ACC Committee. To date this has been done by first the Advisory Committee, and then the Board of Direc-

tors. Now that these gentlemen have kindly taken on this duty, the Board will only be involved if a homeowner wishes to appeal a decision made by the ACC. All requests still need to be submitted to our Management Company, Premier Communities, before the ACC can review them. A link is being added to the website so that

you can download a request form easily. Premier's fax number is on page 4 of this newsletter and you can contact them with questions at any time at 214-871-9700. Thanks again Bill, Tim, and Brent!



**Restaurant Reviews from the Lunch Bunch...**

On November 17th The TBM Lunch Bunch tried Poppi's Italian restaurant in Frisco Square. Poppi's is a small, family run establishment with authentic Italian food. The portions were generous, the prices were moderate, and the food was excellent. Molto Buono!

On January 19th we checked out Fuddrucker's newest location on Preston right here in Frisco. The hamburgers were just as good as the Plano location, but the nachos were a bit odd. The overall service was far superior here than at any other Fuddrucker's restaurant I had been to.

If you like a big juicy burger with really fresh toppings, this is a good place to go.

The Lunch Bunch meets twice a month, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays, and all are welcome to come. If you'd like more info, contact Renee at [reneebrown@mail.com](mailto:reneebrown@mail.com)



### 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt Coming to Turnbridge Manor!

Get your baskets ready, because the Easter Bunny is making his annual stop in Turnbridge Manor! Last year, nearly eighty-five children between the ages of one and ten years old, participated in an egg hunt and miscellaneous games hosted by the TBM Social Committee. Plastic eggs filled with candy covered the common area just north of the amenity center where egg hunts were organized by age

group. After the hunts were complete, various games were offered to everyone from toddlers to adults.

This year, the festivities will be held on April 8th, and we will be asking for resident donations of candy to defray the associated costs. Times and details will be posted on the Turnbridge website, [www.turnbridgemanor.com](http://www.turnbridgemanor.com) as they develop. We hope you will hop on over and join in the fun.



Thomas O. & Andrew W. Scouting for Food in 2005

### Scouting for Food

Cub Scout Pack 142 (from Isbell Elementary) will be participating in the "Scouting for Food" drive on Saturday, February 11th in Turnbridge Manor and Hunter's Creek. All donations received will go to the Frisco Food Pantry which is in dire need of donations. Last year, Pack 142 collected 1,100 pounds of food. This year, their goal is to collect 2000 pounds! Please support the Scouts, they do so much for our community!

### RMS Book Fair... Take Two!



After the huge success of the Roach Middle School Fall Book Fair, the Parent Teacher Organization is gearing up to do it again!

The Spring Book Fair will be held March 6th-10th with parent night coinciding with the RMS Open House, Thursday, March 9th.

The theme will be the

"Oscars", complete with a red carpet, and a movie stars' walk of fame. As in the fall book fair, a teacher's wish list will be available if you'd like to help stock your favorite teacher's classroom with great books. And to encourage really great sales, every book sold will get a raffle ticket dropped in the bucket. The lucky winners will be

driven to school in true movie star style in a real limousine!

If you would like to help make this book fair a real success, volunteer! Please email P.T.O. President, Stephanie Jacobs [steffjacobs@yahoo.com](mailto:steffjacobs@yahoo.com) for more information.

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★ Be A "Star"... ★  
★ Read! ★  
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### Liberty High School Update

Liberty High School will open this fall at it's temporary location on McDermott east of Coit. The permanent building on Rolater east of Independence is on schedule and making good progress (obviously no rain delays). The school colors will be red and silver with black accents

and the mascot will be a Red Hawk. Liberty Principal, Mike Waldrip, assures me that LHS will offer a full compliment of Pre-AP and AP courses even in this first year.

With the opening of LHS, improvements to Independence from 121 to Main are

imperative. The City Council has awarded the design contract and right-of-way acquisition is under way. If the City Bond is approved, road construction (including a traffic signal at Rolater and Independence) should begin June 2006 and be completed by July 2007.



Liberty High School Red Hawks

## From the Book Club.....



What's more fun than reading great (and sometimes not-so-great) books and sharing them with friends? Not much, and that's exactly what we do in the book club! In October we read Retribution by Jilliane Hoffman, the story of a D.A. trying to get over her own brutal rape while she has to prosecute a rapist that may be her own. Some loved it, some...not so much, but it was a great discussion book. (State of Fear by Michael

Crichton, was also a **great discussion book!**) Our December book was Caught Stealing by John Huston. A mystery, written from a man's perspective in a man's language. The story was well written and conceived, but sometimes vulgar and hard to get through. January was A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. Very engaging discussion on this one! While not a "sitting on the

beach" type of book, it definitely opens your eyes to how hard life can be and causes you to ask poignant questions of yourself. Next month we're discussing: A Girl Named Zippy.

This club has been so popular that we are now compiling a list of people that would like to start a second group. If you are interested in participating in this type of club, contact Tracey at [traceykenney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:traceykenney@sbcglobal.net)

## Danger In the Pond!

It has been brought to the attention of the Board that kids are playing in the drainage pipe at the north end of the pond. Due to the ongoing drought, the pond levels are quite low and have made the pipe easier to access. As an adult, I'm sure I don't need to explain the inherent risk to the children or our exposure as an association if

anyone were to get injured. Kids don't always use common sense when finding a new and exciting place to play. Therefore it is our job as adults to keep them from getting into unsafe situations. We are currently looking into having some sort of bars welded over the mouth of the pipe, but in the meantime, if you see kids playing

in there, please ask them to get out. This is also true of the area of the pond that is fenced in. The fences are there for a reason. The banks are unstable on that side, the water is deep, and there are rocks and debris that cannot be seen from the surface. Please do your part to keep our community safe.

*"Kids don't always use common sense when finding a new and exciting place to play."*

## Frisco Elections on May 13th, Bond Packages to be Proposed



May 13, 2006

City elections will be held on May 13th, 2006 with early voting May 1st-9th. In addition to the regular city elections, the City of Frisco will propose a bond package for resident consideration. These bonds will pay for road projects (including street lights and signal im-

provements), neighborhood parks, bike trails, a branch library, a new police crime lab, additional fire substations, a public safety communication system, phase 3 of the senior center, and many other projects.

FISD is also putting together a bond package for addi-

tional schools etcetera but the details have not yet been released.

Precinct 3, Turnbridge Manor, is currently scheduled to vote at Wester Middle School.

## Movie Reviews from your Neighbors...

Reviewer Rating: A+

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe, is one of the most powerful Fantasy/Drama movies that I have seen in a long time. It is not just the war and violence that is in the film, but it is like a battle between Jesus vs. Satan in biblical times.

In my point of view, when I said it was like a Jesus vs. Satan battle, it was like

Aslan was Jesus, the eldest brother Peter, was Simon-Peter, Susan was Thomas, Edmond was Judas, Lucy was John, and the Witch was Satan.

The Chronicles of Narnia is a great movie for any age because of the Fantasy, Drama, the battle of Good vs. Evil, and the excitement!

So the next time you decide to go to a movie, I strongly suggest that you and your

family go to see The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.

This Review was Written and Submitted by:

Thomas Hughes 14yrs.



## Restaurant Reviews from your Neighbors...



J.G.'s Old-Fashioned Hamburgers is a family-owned restaurant your whole family can enjoy.

Start with a bottled soda and a colossal hamburger with all the fixings, add some cheese covered fries, then finish it off with a nice, thick, classic milkshake. Don't feel like a

burger? Not to worry, they also serve hot dogs and chicken. There is plenty of variety for every taste.

J.G.'s Old-Fashioned Hamburgers is located at 12101 Greenville Avenue. For more information on menu, hours, or directions, call: (972)644-8628.

This Review was Written and Submitted by:

Katie Hughes 12yrs.

## 2006 Homecoming

The Frisco Homecoming parade and festivities have become a tradition the whole city looks forward to. When Centennial H.S. was built everyone assumed the new school would just "jump in" and continue this tradition the way we always had. Of course growth continued and 2 more High Schools are being added to FISD this fall. So the City won-

dered "what shall we do"? The answer came in the form of a question. How can we preserve this small town tradition, bringing the entire city together, without rivalries? Easy. Instead of the individual schools organizing multiple parades, the chamber of commerce can take it over and host one big event. One giant parade that will feature floats, sports

teams, Homecoming Court candidates and bands from each High School, along with Floats and entries from local businesses! The parade will end in Frisco Square or Pizza Hut Park depending on what other activities are organized. The new "Community Parade" will be held the first Saturday of November and will become a new Frisco tradition!



### Homecoming Parade 2003

**The first year with both Frisco High School and Centennial High School participating.**

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the best place to live in all of Frisco!

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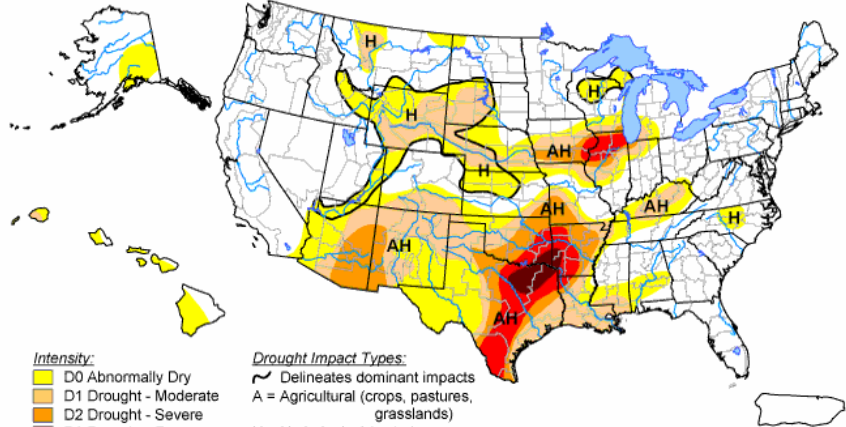
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## U.S. Drought Monitor

January 24, 2006  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



### Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

### Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
- H = Hydrological (water)

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.  
Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary  
for forecast statements.



Released Thursday, January 26, 2006

Author: Brian Fuchs, National Drought Mitigation Center

<http://drought.unl.edu/dm>

**Frisco is in the hardest hit region of the country. With exceptional drought conditions, we are at Stage 2 of our emergency water plan**

## Exceptional Drought Conditions in North Texas

In coordination with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), Frisco initiated Stage 2 of our Drought Contingency Plan on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Under Stage 2, the city water-use reduction goal is 10%. The NTMWD has indicated that, without any significant rainfall, Stage 3 will most likely be implemented in March, with the possibility of Stage 4 restrictions this summer. We recommend that you begin planning now for such a scenario. The following are a few ways that you can help Frisco through this crisis:

- \* Please refrain from irrigating dormant grass. Not only is such irrigation unnecessary for the grasses' survival, it is also consuming water that we may need this summer for household necessities. You'll also notice a lower water bill!
- \* Use soaker hoses instead of sprinklers to maintain foundation moisture.
- \* Irrigate trees and flowerbeds by hand using water hoses instead of sprinklers
- \* Don't water during or for several days after rain.
- \* Repair any leaky faucets or "running" toilets. You would be amazed at how much

water is wasted through a slow leak.

- \* When using sprinklers, make sure they are in good working order and are watering your flowers, not the sidewalk.

Although the rain we received this past weekend was a refreshing change, it did not even put a dent in our short term or long term drought condition.

Together we can make it through this drought, and if everyone does their part we may not need to go to Stage 4. If not, Stage 5 is a ban on ALL outdoor watering, and no one wants that.



**Pray for rain!!**