



# Branch REVIEW

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## Code Sweeps

### Innovative approach helps encourage code compliance in local neighborhoods

FARMERS BRANCH ~ In an effort to boost code compliance across the City, the Community Services Department has announced that Code Enforcement officers will be focusing resources on areas with a history of significant code issues.

These "sweeps" will bring Building Official Hugh Pender and his team of code enforcement officers together into an area, over several days, to help identify as many violations as possible and work to bring those violations into compliance.

"In the spirit of neighborhood cooperation and revitalization, the Farmers Branch City Council asked City administration to increase code compliance activity by stepping up our level of enforcement," said Community Services Director Andy Gillies. "With that in mind, we are taking this non-traditional approach to help improve code compliance in specific areas."

Mr. Gillies said the sweeps will rotate throughout the City, as the need arises, while working to maintain a balance and not disrupting enforcement efforts in other parts of the City.

Anyone can report Code violations by visiting [farmersbranchtx.gov](http://farmersbranchtx.gov) and clicking on "Report a Concern" or via the Farmers Branch App, "MyFBTX" available through the Apple App Store or on Google Play.



Building Official  
Hugh Pender

## Code Enforcement Special Report

### Citizens can report code issues in different ways

Believing that maintenance of property values and drive-up appeal of the community is everyone's concern, the City of Farmers Branch offers different ways for anyone to report a suspected code issue:

- Visit [www.farmersbranchtx.gov](http://www.farmersbranchtx.gov) and click on "Report a Concern."
- Download and use the "MyFBTX" mobile app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.
- Call Code Enforcement at **972.919.1414** during regular business hours.



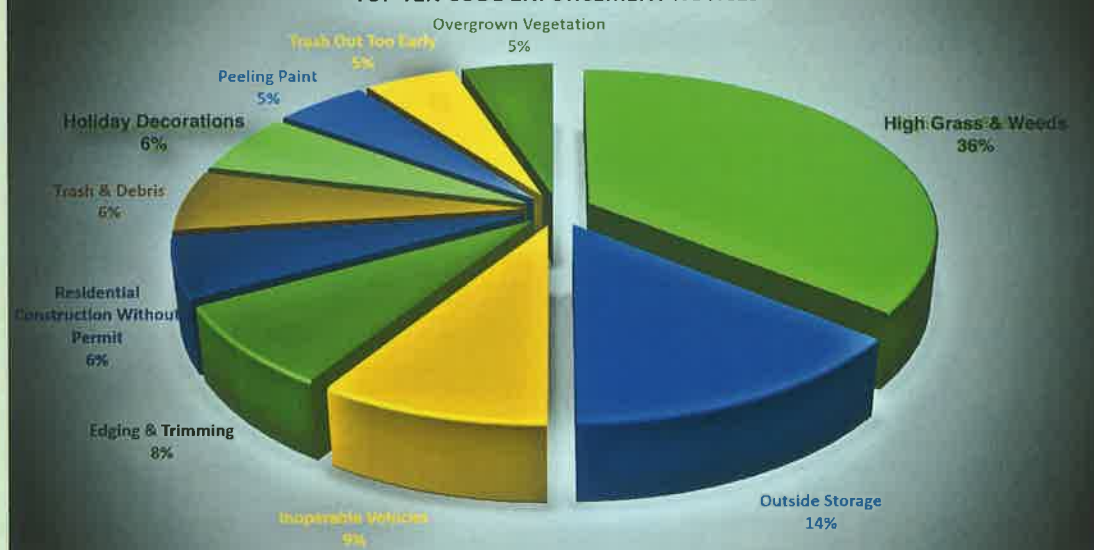
### Compliance is sought long before citations are issued

The mission of Code Enforcement is compliance to City codes that help preserve property values and the curb appeal of Farmers Branch neighborhoods and business areas.

"That is why notices of code issues are sent first, in order to give residents an opportunity to correct the problem," said Code Supervisor Ray Mendez. "Only when an issue goes unresolved can it result in a citation."

He explained that in fiscal year 2014-2015, 488 citations resulted from a total of 6,463 notices written, illustrating that notices typically result in compliance.

TOP TEN CODE ENFORCEMENT NOTICES



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## City offices to close for Thanksgiving holidays

All City of Farmers Branch offices and facilities will be closed on Thursday, November 26, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. On Friday, November 27, most offices remain closed except for the Community Recreation Center and Margaret Young Natatorium, both open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, the Historical Park will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There will be no garbage pickup either day and the Citizen Collection Center will be closed.

## Firehouse to proffer 'Poppins' in north Texas stage debut

Based in part on the classic movie and on the original books by P.L. Travers, the musical 'Mary Poppins' will be presented by The Firehouse Theatre on select nights November 5 - 22.



The adaptation, which blends elements of the classic 1964 film with narrative from the Travers books, premiered in London in 2004 before moving to Broadway in 2006.

This will be the north Texas stage debut for the show.

For tickets and more information, call 972.620.3747 or visit [thefirehousetheatre.com](http://thefirehousetheatre.com).

## Household Hazardous Waste event planned for Oran Good

Dallas County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste collection event in Farmers Branch on Saturday, 14 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Oran Good Park.

Available to residents of all participating Dallas county cities, the event is designed to provide a safe way to dispose of household chemicals. Residents should bring proof of Farmers Branch residency.

For a list of what is acceptable for disposal at the vent, visit [farmersbranchtx.gov/hhw](http://farmersbranchtx.gov/hhw).

## Senior Dances set Mondays

The Senior Dance Club hosts dances most Monday nights at the Farmers Branch Senior Center. Admission is \$5.

- Nov 2 Southern Pride
- Nov 9 Blue Champagne
- Nov 16 JC Tippett
- Nov 23 Jim Baker
- Nov 30 Swingin Country

## Veterans Day

### Saluting those who served with song and dance, November 11 at Senior Center

SENIOR CENTER ~ Celebrating with swing-style song and dance, the entertainment trio, "Manhattan Dolls" will be performing this year at the Farmers Branch Veterans Day Celebration, set for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11 at the Farmers Branch Senior Center.



Everyone is invited to the annual celebration of those who have worn the uniform of the U.S. military and admission is free.

The traditional free hot dog lunch will follow the proceedings at about 12 noon.

The Farmers Branch Senior Center is located at 14055 Dennis Lane, between Josey Lane and Valwood Parkway. Call 972.919.2620 for more information on the event.

## 2015 Tour of Lights switches on 500,000 twinkling bulbs Thanksgiving weekend

FARMERS BRANCH ~ Back and brighter than ever, the Farmers Branch Christmas Tour of Lights flips the switch on the half million lights of the 2015 season on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27.

Starting at the intersection of I-35E and Valley View, the tour continues down Denton Drive to the Farmers Branch Historical Park where 'Santa's Sweet Shop' will be presented in a bigger than ever animated twinkling lights, holiday music and Christmas displays.

The 500,000 lights along the tour will be on each evening from November 27 through December 30, with the Historical Park portion closed two nights only, December 5 and 25.

Admission is free with donations accepted by the various non-profit groups working the Tour each night.

Weather updates and other information can be had by following [fbspecialevents](https://www.facebook.com/fbspecialevents) on Facebook or by visiting [fbights.com](http://fbights.com).



## Rapid flash crosswalks designed to improve pedestrian safety at specific locations

FARMERS BRANCH ~ In a continuing effort to improve pedestrian safety at strategic spots, the Farmers Branch Public Works Department has installed solar-powered rapid flash crosswalk signs at three locations.

The rapid flashing of beacons is activated by pressing a button by pedestrians on the pole at the intersections of Valwood at Albe-Marle, Valley View near William Dodson Parkway and Webb Chapel, near Longmeade.

The amber lights flash in an irregular pattern, much like the lights on a police car, and work with the signs to alert drivers that pedestrians are in the crosswalk.

