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# SHOAL CREEK® NEWSLETTER

## HOA HAPPENINGS -

Be sure to check the website—[www.shoalcreekhoa.com](http://www.shoalcreekhoa.com)—For up-to-date information about what's going on in our community.

**Newsletter contributions** are ALWAYS welcome. (Really!) Please email Stan Liebowitz, [newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com).

## - CRIME WATCH -

If you haven't signed up to receive Crime Watch alerts & bulletins, email [crime-watch@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:crime-watch@shoalcreekhoa.com) with the subject "Subscribe to CWB". Don't forget to include your name, street name and number, and phone number, so we can contact you in case of emergency. Please report anything unusual to the Plano Police Dept AND email Crime Watch. We want all our neighbors to be informed so we can be on the lookout for it.



## POLITICAL SIGNS

With the city elections approaching, keep in mind what our covenants say about political signs:

- Signs must be professionally made
- Signs advertising a political candidate or ballot item can be no larger than 4' x 6'
- Only one sign of any type (political issue, candidate, etc.) can be displayed at any time
- Only one sign per candidate or ballot item may be on your lot and cannot be erected more than ninety days prior to that election/primary and must be removed within 10 days afterwards.

## Public Works Improvements?

Consolidate requests for general public works improvements! Email [HOABoard@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:HOABoard@shoalcreekhoa.com) for a speedier resolution. This includes repairs for sidewalks, aprons, streets and curbs, and street lights.

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS**—Adding on to your house? Building a pool? Doing any major landscaping project? **Any/all exterior work or exterior improvements** need prior approval by the Architectural Control Committee. The ACC form is on the website & should be submitted to our management company. Allow 30 days for approval before starting your project.

**Speaking of signs**—Yes, we still have "No Solicitations" signs available, but they're going fast. The signs meet specifications required by the City of Plano, are 6"x12" with stake & available to Shoal Creek homeowners at \$21.00. Contact Kerrie Liebowitz if interested.



## - SHOAL CREEK HOA ANNUAL MEETING -

Our 2008 annual meeting will be Monday, June 9, at Parr Library (Windhaven at Communications Dr), from 7-9 PM. To conduct business, *we must have a quorum*, so please plan to attend or send in your proxy if you cannot be there. As in past years, there will be drawings for gift certificates for those who attend or send in a proxy! Look forward to updates on the "Phase 6" lawsuit, and elections for the HOA Board of Directors (volunteers welcome!)

## LAKE DREDGING

A study last fall determined that our larger lake had multiple areas exceeding recommended limits for silt, and without treatment, the pond population was in danger. We are now doing spot-cleaning which should be complete in May. This is the first time Shoal Creek has had to treat the lakes.

## Adult Social Event—May 8th!

Meet / greet / catch-up with your neighbors during dinner at the Blue Mesa Grill.  
**What:** Santa-Fe style Mexican Dinner Buffet  
**When:** Thursday, May 8, 6:30-9:30 PM  
**Where:** 8200 Dallas Pkwy (Granite Park @121)  
**Cost:** Sponsored by Shoal Creek HOA  
Cash bar available

RSVP through the website by May 5th (events page)



## ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Karen Warren is our Adult Social Events Coordinator. If you have ideas for upcoming social events or can help out, please contact her at [karen.warren83@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karen.warren83@sbcglobal.net) or 972-987-8267.

## "Shoal Creek 6" - Update from Steve Kennedy

After completing his term on the HOA Board of Directors (and HOA president for several years), Steve took the leading role in our litigation against Shoal Creek 6 for using our name and logo. *Here is the Steve's update on the lawsuit status:* As most of you know, we filed a lawsuit to prevent their continued use of our "Shoal Creek" name and tree logo, which is used at our entrances, newsletter, and web-site, and which was copied for the Shoal Creek 6 neighborhood entrances and used on their web-site without our permission. Our attorney and the attorney representing Shoal Creek 6 have negotiated a settlement agreement that has been approved in concept by the board of directors for both Shoal Creek and Shoal Creek 6. More details will follow as the agreement is finalized.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to all those who participated in the Shoal Creek Easter egg hunt, March 15th at the Shoal Creek Gazebo. There were around 50 hunters this year, and the Easter bunny was very generous. With the help of Reed Tarter, he hid 600 eggs around the lake. It didn't take the children 10 minutes to find the eggs! Bennett Holly, Emma Lochabay, and Meredith Brumback found the golden eggs.

Thank you Jo Lochabay, Mark Brumback, Ryane Burke, Kelsea Burke, Kendall Wilson, Cristin Doyle, Emily Wood and Georgia Wood for stuffing the eggs. You were a big help to the Easter bunny! Hope we don't find any rotten eggs when we dredge the lake!

Many memories were captured with pictures taken with the Easter bunny. Thank you to the Easter bunny, Don Lochabay, for making this a fun event for the children of Shoal Creek.

A huge thanks to Sara Hardwick and Alice Brumback for coordinating this event.



Check the Website! [WWW.SHOALCREEKHOA.COM](http://WWW.SHOALCREEKHOA.COM). For updates, please email [webmaster@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:webmaster@shoalcreekhoa.com).

**THE SHOAL CREEK HOA BOARD**  
— HOA Board of Directors —

President: Kerrie Liebowitz  
Vice President: David Test  
Secretary: Fred Kuglin  
Treasurer: Mike Mount  
Director: Steve Halbeisen  
Director: Ernie Siraki  
Director: Anna Willison

Contract information available in the Shoal Creek HOA Directory, or email [hoaboard@shoalcreekhwa.com](mailto:hoaboard@shoalcreekhwa.com)

**Welcome to our New Neighbors**

Tracy & BJ Elliott, 6604 Shady Creek Cir  
Jeff & Dena Baker, 6633 Whispering Woods Ct.  
If you are new to Shoal Creek & we don't have your contact information or it is incomplete, email Susan Schwartz at [directory@shoalcreekhwa.com](mailto:directory@shoalcreekhwa.com).



**DID YOU KNOW?**

*Elise Fuller* and *Megan Fass* participated in the Collin County Ballet Theatre's repertoire dance concert, "Dancing Through Times," March 22, at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts in Richardson. *Emma Lockabay* and *Marly Koven* are participating in Motion Center for Dance's first Petite Company in three back-to-back weekends of competition. They have already received a 1st place overall in their division for their tap routine.

*Ida Saki* won Miss Teen Starpower for dance at the age of 15 (July 2007) in Orlando Florida, and on April 20, 2008 won Miss Starpower Dallas. Ida is a company dancer at Dance Industry.

*Megan Fass*, *Cooper Hicks*, and *Reed Tarter* will complete 5th grade at Barksdale and move to Renner Middle School in the fall. Congratulations!

*Megan Rinker* and *George Wood* just won first place in the Silver Bracket of the Lone Star Volleyball tournament along with the rest of their team, the Texas Titans.

*Molly Rinker* and *Nikki Thomas* are about to start their 5th season of softball with Ron Thomas as their coach.

*Kaylan Hopson* is graduating with honors from Auburn University with a B.S in Business Administration, Major in Finance. This year she was Secretary of Programming for the Business School and Senior Liaison for Phi Beta Phi Sorority.

*Natalie Thomas* danced her first ballet solo April 26th.

*Max Dauber* and *Shane Koven*, led by Coach Louis Koven, are in the midst of soccer playoffs. Their 3rd grade team, Plano Force, already won their first play-off game. Their team won the championship last season!

*Danielle Tilford* is co-captain of the 2008-09 Shepton cheerleaders. *Cheyenne Tilford* recently won 1st place for her jazz solo at Starpower. *Carolyn Tang* is on 7th grade Honor Roll at Prestonwood Christian Academy.

*Christine Tang* is competing for Miss Texas in the Miss America organization in Fort Worth's Will Rogers coliseum.

To share something with the neighborhood, send a short description to [newsletter@shoalcreekhwa.com](mailto:newsletter@shoalcreekhwa.com) for inclusion in our next newsletter.

*Volunteers Needed*

The Shoal Creek HOA is seeking interested individuals with a desire to take a leadership role within their Association. As you know, the Association needs the ongoing support of members to continue efforts in preserving and enhancing the lifestyle of our community. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.** Please fill out the form on the Shoal Creek website

**YARD OF THE MONTH**



The first Yard of the Month award for 2008 goes to 6521 Riverside Drive.

If you have comments, nominations, gardening tips for the newsletter, or want to be on the Yard of the Month nominating committee, please contact Steve Kennedy at [skenesq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skenesq@sbcglobal.net).

*News from the City*

The City of Plano is asking all residents to increase recycling efforts.

*Did you know* that if you have old paint cans you can have Environmental Waste Services pick them up?

The City's website is <http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Environmental+Services/sustainability/>. In addition to recycling, the City will pick up yard trimmings and bulky waste.



**NEIGHBOR COURTESY**

If you are mowing your grass or clipping your hedges, please pick up your clippings before they blow into someone else's yard! Also, do not put out clippings more than 24 hours before scheduled pickup time by the city.



**Want neighbors to know about a lost or found pet ?**

Email [info@shoalcreekhwa.com](mailto:info@shoalcreekhwa.com) so the homeowners association can send an email to notify your neighbors.



*Neighborhood Directories Etiquette*

The directory is maintained for the benefit of the members of the Shoal Creek HOA, and is for your personal use only. *It should not under any circumstances be distributed in any manner to other individuals or organizations or used by individuals for mass mailings.*

The HOA uses the directory to notify neighbors for crime watch alerts and to contact you for neighborhood events including annual meetings & other activities. If you are new to Shoal Creek & we don't have information or it is incomplete, contact Susan Schwartz at [directory@shoalcreekhwa.com](mailto:directory@shoalcreekhwa.com).

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