



SHOAL CREEK® NEWSLETTER

HOA HAPPENINGS -

Please check the website—www.shoalcreekhoa.com—for up-to-date information about what’s going on in Shoal Creek.

Newsletter contributions are ALWAYS welcome; email Stan Liebowitz, newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com.

- ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -

Thanks to Denise Zinser for organizing several adult social activities over the past few months—this includes a wine tasting, sushi night, woman’s book club, plus a men’s pool and poker group starting soon.

Denise has a number of other ideas you’ll be hearing about shortly, starting with a crawfish boil / fish fry planned for May. If you have suggestions for upcoming activities, contact Denise at denise@zinsers.com.

Annual Meeting June 15

The Shoal Creek HOA’s annual meeting is June 15th. The meeting includes elections for several positions on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in helping your community, please complete the candidate statement found in your meeting packet which will be mailed in early May. We need volunteers!

To conduct business, we must have a quorum of homeowners either at the meeting or voting by proxy. A proxy form will be included in your packet. Where/When: Mon, June 15, 7-8:30 pm
Parr Library, Windhaven @ Communications Dr.
Hope to see you there!

Stopping that “other” Sunday newspaper



A number of homeowners have asked if there is a way to stop delivery of the *Plano Insider*, delivered each Sunday at no cost. Simply email customerservice@acnpapers.com with your full street address (“full” including if your street is a Lane, Court, Circle, etc.), and they will put you on their “do not throw list.”

Parking on the Street

A number of homeowners leave their cars and trucks parked overnight on the street. There have been several recent incidents where cars had their tires slashed or the wheels removed when left on the street. For your own safety, please park your vehicle in your garage or driveway. Parking in the street also makes it difficult for school buses to get by, which have had to stop and wait for people to come out and move their cars in the morning!

Guys Game Night Forming

Denise Zinser, along with help from her better half, Duke, will be assisting in forming a neighborhood men’s pool and poker group. (That’s the table kind of pool, not the back yard splash kind.) The plan is to meet one weekend a month to shoot a few games and play a few hands of cards, and rotate the location. If interested, please email Denise at denise@zinsers.com.



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.

Check the Website!

To help keep costs down and better comply with U.S. Postal Service regulations, we will be relying less on flyers and more on email and the Shoal Creek website to announce community activities. If we don’t have your email address, please contact directory@shoalcreekhoa.com so we can keep you posted regarding upcoming events.

—Neighborhood Directory Updates—

The hardcopy neighborhood directory was distributed in late November. If you did not receive a directory, please contact Kerrie Liebowitz (contact information on back page). If you are new to the neighborhood or your information was incomplete, contact Susan Schwartz (directory@shoalcreekhoa.com).

Public Works Improvements?

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

Replacing Water Heater or Fence?

You probably know to notify the Architectural Control Committee if you’re putting in a new fence, but did you know to tell the City of Plano? A fence permit is \$40, and water heater permits are \$35, with inspections required for both. Check www.buildinginspections.org/residential for more information.

canine disease

Please be aware that the canine disease **leptospirosis** is present in our neighborhood. A neighbor reports their Great Dane was infected recently with this disease and almost died. The infection comes from exposure to wild animal urine through water puddles, etc. Symptoms can include extreme lethargy and loss of appetite. There is a vaccination, but you have to request it. Humans can also be infected through their pets. Antibiotics are prescribed to prevent infection.

Up for the Count in 2010

In late March, the Census Bureau began sending out address canvassers as part of early census operations. Census workers will walk or drive through Shoal Creek to verify all addresses are in their database for the questionnaire to be mailed March 2010. The early operation is vital to ensure a complete & accurate count. This phase is scheduled to complete by July.

To update 145 million U.S. addresses, census workers nationwide conduct a massive operation to determine everywhere people live, stay, or could live or stay. This is compared to the Census Bureau’s address list. Based on their findings, the census workers verify, update, or delete existing addresses, and add missing addresses. Maps are updated to reflect what is on the ground. Census workers often knock on doors to verify addresses and inquire about additional living quarters on the premises. All census bureau employees will have a Census ID, bag, & handheld computer. The Plano Police Dept is aware of the operation.

All information collected by Address Canvassers and other Census employees is strictly confidential and cannot be shared with other persons, institutions, or agencies. For questions or concerns, please contact the local census office. For more information about the Census, visit www.census.gov, or call Plano’s Early Local Census Office at 214.778.3940.



Check the Website! WWW.SHOALCREEKHOA.COM. For updates, please email webmaster@shoalcreekhoa.com.

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

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

You can find contact information for Board members in the Shoal Creek directory.

Welcome to our New Neighbors

Sean and Becky Mick, 6612 Shady Creek Circle
Ben and Melissa Boyd, 6409 Fox Chase Lane
Ed and Barbara Holden, 6628 Canyon Oaks Circle



If you are new & we don't have your contact information or it is incomplete, email Susan Schwartz, directory@shoalcreekhoa.com.

Want neighbors to know about a lost or found pet ?

Email info@shoalcreekhoa.com so the homeowners association can send an email to notify your neighbors.



- CRIME WATCH -



Signs are on their way—Blue-eyed crime watch signs will be installed shortly at the five entrances to Shoal Creek. We hope this will help serve as a deterrent to would-be burglars and others.

Please report ANY suspicious activities to the Police Dept, then email crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com.

If you aren't receiving Crime Watch alerts & bulletins, send email with the subject "Subscribe to CWB". Include your name, street name and number, and phone number, so we can contact you in case of an emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

On March 28, Janie and Michael Burke hosted a spring piano recital in their home for Joy Lee's piano students. The Shoal Creek pianist are (shown) *Jackson Hicks, Cooper Hicks, Ryane Burke, Carolyn Tang, Marly Koven, and Meredith Brumback.* *Brian and Sara Hardwick* announce the arrival of *Lainey Kate* February 12. *Ron and Ryan Urech*, 6649 Canyon Oaks, announce the birth of *Riley Kate*, March 16. *Alice Brumback* coordinated the Easter Egg hunt—the weather was great and the eggs were plentiful! Thanks to all who helped out.



To share something with the neighborhood, send a short description to newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.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 the 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 2009 goes to James and Jane Pak at 6708 Eagle Point Ct.



If you have comments, nominations, or gardening tips for the newsletter, please contact Steve Kennedy. Steve can be reached at skenesq@sbcglobal.net.

Turn Recycleables into groceries, gift cards, and more!



The City of Plano is testing a unique rewards and loyalty program known as **RecycleBank**. For the first time, you can turn your recyclables into valuable rewards with local and national stores and brands you love; without doing anything more than make sure you're getting as much as you can into your recycling cart! Using the RecycleBank Rewards Program rewards households for recycling efforts. Your recycling cart has a special identification tag that allows the city to weigh the amount you are recycling. That number is converted into points you can use for rewards. The average household finds they can recycle 50% of their waste each week; this can add up to \$240/year in reward value. All you have to do is go online (www.RecycleBank.com) or call their Customer Care department at (888) 727-2978, order your rewards, and they will be quickly sent via mail or email. The best part of the program is the positive impact recycling has on the environment. The more your household recycles, the less waste that ends up in the landfill.

Don't let the opportunity to earn valuable rewards pass you by. The success of our combined recycling efforts will determine whether or the RecycleBank program is rolled out to all of Plano. Local businesses participating in the rewards program include: 7-Spices, Angelo and Vito's Pizza, Another Time and Place, Asia World Market, BeDazzled, Edible Arrangements, Firehouse Subs-Plano, Flowerama, Fountain Car Wash, Herb Max, Image Cleaners, Indospice Modern Kitchen, Itallia Village, Mario's Chiquita, Massage Space, Ocean Seafood and Play It Again Sports.

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. Abusing this policy is subject to a fine of up to \$500 per occurrence.*

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@shoalcreekhoa.com.

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