



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 newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com.

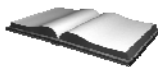
TIPS FOR PROTESTING PROPERTY TAX APPRAISALS

Its that time of the year again! Property appraisals are mailed out by the county at the beginning of May. If you want to contest what your property is being valued at, here's what you can do:

- Get a comparative analysis from your favorite realtor
- Make sure you use ONLY comps in your county (Collin or Denton), and your phase of Shoal Creek.
- Kick out any foreclosures on the list.
- Make appointment to see an appraiser at Collin/Denton County Appraisal District.
- Take pictures, and explain WHY you deserve a break.

Ladies' Book Club

Meets monthly. Please contact Leslie Mount or Darcy Rudnick for information on the next meeting.



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.

Volunteers—the lifeblood of our HOA

Our HOA is able to bring you activities and services because of neighbors who volunteer their services because they care about Shoal Creek. There is always a need for additional help in multiple areas—children's social activities, neighborhood directory, new neighbors welcoming, block captains, architectural review, crime watch, board of directors, and more. Many of these activities require only a small time investment. If you are interested in making a contribution to our neighborhood, please fill out the form at www.shoalcreekhoa.com—HOA Volunteers page, or contact Kerrie Liebowitz.

Stop Sign Poles Upgraded

You may have noticed that 11 stop sign poles were upgraded recently to match the style of those in the rest of the neighborhood.



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.

—Shoal Creek Neighborhood Directory—

If you are new to the neighborhood or your information is incomplete, please contact Susan Schwartz (directory@shoalcreekhoa.com). If you did not receive a directory, contact Kerrie Liebowitz.

No Solicitation Signs—Due to popular demand, we have obtained additional "No Solicitations" signs, available for \$27. Contact Kerrie Liebowitz to obtain a sign. The signs meet specifications required by the City of Plano, and are 6"x12" with a stake.



EASTER EGG HUNT—APRIL 3

The weather was beautiful and the eggs were plentiful. Ted Morrow did a great job of organizing this year's



annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks, Ted! Thanks also to Tim Trylovich,

who was a very convincing Easter Bunny.

ANNUAL MEETING IS JUNE 7

The HOA Annual Meeting is Monday June 7, 7-9 PM, at Parr Library (Communications at Windhaven). The official "notice of meeting," will be mailed in early May.

Conducting business requires a quorum of homeowners present or to send in their proxies. So please attend, and if you're not able to, send your proxy! The proxy form will also be available on the Shoal Creek website in May. Once again there will be drawings for gift certificates to neighborhood restaurants.

Happy Hour at Abuelo's

Our HOA sponsored a happy hour and dinner buffet (cash bar) at Abuelo's Thursday, April 29. 70 homeowners signed up to attend. Thank you, Denise Zinser, for organizing this!

Public Works Need Improvement? 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.

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: Ernie Siraki
Director: Frances Fass
Director: Jason Georgoulis
Director: Anna Willison

Contact information available in the Shoal Creek Directory



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 2010 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. You can reach Steve at skenesq@sbcglobal.net.



Welcome to our New Neighbors

The Stubblefield Family at 6521 Hidden Creek Ct
The Deloaches at 6637 Canyon Oaks Circle



If you are new & we don't have your contact information or it is incomplete, please let us know by emailing Susan Schwartz at directory@shoalcreekhoa.com.

ARBOR HILLS—JUST DOWN THE STREET

The Arbor Hills Nature Preserve (6701 W. Parker Rd), is a 200-acre park provided by the City of Plano featuring vast areas of natural beauty for walking, jogging, hiking, and other outdoor activity. Park hours are 5am - 11pm. For additional information, see http://www.planotx.org/Departments/parksandrecreation/Parks/Pages/arbor_hills.aspx.



- CRIME WATCH -



We have been fortunate to not have any incidents in the last few months. Our "Crime Watch" signs at the entrances give would-be troublemakers a chance to reflect before messing with us.

To keep up with what's going on in West Plano crime watch related, please visit our Facebook page, Shoal Creek HOA Crime Watch Group. We moved to Facebook because of spam email and other related issues. However, notification of any incidents occurring INSIDE of Shoal Creek will continue to be emailed. Please ensure your directory information is current or you will not receive an email from us.

PET SITTING AVAILABLE

Need dogs walked or pet sitting help?

Contact *Ian Mount*, 972-370-1011. Ian is available after school and on weekends.



Andrew, Nicole, and Julia Willison are also available for pet-sitting and/or dog walking after school and on weekends. Please email awillison@mac.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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Alex Lochabay was selected to attend The Beginnings Workshop in NYC for film and Broadway-singing-acting-dancing by Peter Sklar.

Ryane Burke joined the National Spanish Honor Society.

Hailey Conaway received a college scholarship at ACU, which she will be attending in the fall.

Shannon Conaway and the Hebron High School choir scored the highest possible score in the UIL competition last week.

The *Burkes* have a new landscape and sod business.

The *May* edition of *Plano Profile* will be highlighting the painting of the Shoal Creek fences.

Megan Fass received Duke TIP Grand Recognition for achieving at least 90% of National Percentile Rankings (NPR) against high school junior and seniors who are the traditional SAT takers.

To share something with the neighborhood, send a short description to newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com for inclusion in our next newsletter.

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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