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# SHOAL CREEK® NEWSLETTER

## HOA HAPPENINGS -

Please check the website—[www.shoalcreekhoa.com](http://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](mailto:newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com).

## - CRIME WATCH -

On December 10, a home on the 6500 Block of Hidden Creek Ct was burglarized; the items stolen have an estimated value of over six-figures.

With the downturn of the economy, burglaries are rising. Please watch out for each other, keep your home secured with dead bolts, garage doors closed, and turn on the alarm/security system when not home. Pay special attention to the door connecting the house & garage and lock it when you leave—burglars are known to use this to their advantage! Do not publicize travel plans.

Officer Mark Dawson of the Plano Police Dept Crime Prevention Unit is available for a free in-home assessment. Please call him at (972) 208-8045 for an appointment to evaluate your home for crime prevention purposes.



## 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.

## 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](http://www.buildinginspections.org/residential) for more information.

## \$\$\$ 2009 DUES ASSESSMENT \$\$\$

CMA mailed our annual assessment notices around December 1. Assessments are \$1,200/per lot each year (no dues increase in 2009), and were due January 1st. Due to rising costs, the HOA does not plan to waive late fees. If you have not sent in your payment, please do so as soon as possible.



**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.

## SHOAL CREEK VILLAS

The lawsuit between the Shoal Creek HOA and Shoal Creek Six is over. New signage was installed in November for Shoal Creek Villas, and "Six" has agreed to refer to themselves as Shoal Creek Villas going forward. Our Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for their patience and support.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:directory@shoalcreekhoa.com)).

## ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Denise Zinser** is our new Adult Social Activities coordinator and she has a ton of ideas for getting to know each other better! Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

**February: Wine Tasting.** Sat Feb 28, 8-10:30 PM, location TBD. If interested in hosting the tasting at your home, email Denise at [denise@zinsers.com](mailto:denise@zinsers.com). Each couple brings a bottle of wine to share for the tasting. RSVP to Denise if attending.

**March: Sushi Night out.** Details coming soon.

**April: Book Club meeting.** Start reading *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* (Oprah's Book Club Selection). Location & date TBD. Please email [denise@zinsers.com](mailto:denise@zinsers.com) if interested in hosting the book club night. Email Denise your name and contact information if you will be joining the book club.

## CHRISTMAS COPS COLLECTION AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

A special thanks to Santa (*Mark Brumback*) who provided our neighborhood children with excitement again this year at the Breakfast with Santa! Neighborhood helpers were *Megan Rinker, Carolyn Tang, Kenzie Bierig, Lauren Heier* and friends *Kristen and Allison Krebs, Zach Lochabay, and Auveed Saki*. We had three police officers attend the breakfast. The kids had a great time sitting in the police car and turning on the lights and siren. Parents visited with the officers about neighborhood safety. Visit [www.shoalcreekhoa.com](http://www.shoalcreekhoa.com) for photos. The police presented the Shoal Creek HOA with a plaque in recognition of our Christmas Cops donations. Starbucks at Parker/Tollway donated coffee for the Breakfast.



Sixty-nine Shoal Creek neighborhood families participated in donating for the Christmas Cops program this year. Shoal Creek donated 17 Christmas Cops boxes filled with gifts for ten needy Plano families. Completed wish lists for 37 children ranging in ages from 6 months to 17 years old were donated. Along with these boxes were 17 bicycles, 2 tricycles, 4 skateboards, 4 scooters and many gift cards. Food donations were also given from Wal-Mart. The Plano Police delivered the boxes to our families on December 20.

Thank you for your generous giving, providing a much happier holiday season for these ten families. Holiday Blessings — *Janie Burke*

## Shoal Creek Holiday Party

Shoal Creek's annual Holiday Party was held Saturday December 13th and catered by Maguire's. Thanks to *Jason & Lisa Georgoulis* and *Ted & Anna Willison* for opening their homes as host houses! To help with next year's party or volunteer your house, please contact Katherine Kennedy at [kbkennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbkennedy@sbcglobal.net).

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: Steve Halbeisen  
Secretary: Fred Kuglin  
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Contract information available in the Shoal Creek HOA Directory, or email [hoaboard@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:hoaboard@shoalcreekhoa.com)

**Welcome to our New Neighbors**

Steve and Cindy Altman, 6637 Whispering Woods  
If you are new & we don't have your contact information or it is incomplete, email Susan Schwartz, [directory@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:directory@shoalcreekhoa.com).



**Hippity hop!** The 2009 Easter Egg Hunt will be Sat., April 11.

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

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



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Plano Police Department presented the Shoal Creek HOA with a plaque in appreciation of our work with the Plano Christmas Cops. Thanks to everyone, and especially *Janie Burke* and *Alice Brumback* for all their hard work!

Many of our neighbors participated on *Tree Planting Day* Nov. 20 with the Reforestation Task Force. Trees were planted on Shady Brook Trail and other city property in Shoal Creek, replacing trees devastated by the storm April 10. Help was provided by the City of Plano, Home Depot in The Colony and their supplier Tree Town USA, and several Boy Scout Troops. Thank you Jesse Davis and Michael Sultan of the City of Plano, and *Michael Mount*, *Fred Kuglin*, and *Anna Willison* for coordinating this project.

Thank you also *Anna Willison* for all your hard work on the Christmas lights this holiday season. Thank you *Alice Brumback* for helping with the wreaths.

*Royce & Liz Brown* opened their home for the Catholic Charities of Dallas Holiday Home Tour.

*Halloween Pumpkin Carving* was held October 26th. Hope you were there! Congratulations on the engagement of *Sarah Brunke*, daughter of Scot and Kris Brunke, to Brandon Bergman. Both are graduates of Texas Tech.

*Emily Wood* has a lead role in Miss Belinda's ballet recital as Sebastian the crab.

*Candy Profitt* has catered several holiday events throughout the neighborhood. *Jenny Wood* held an Italian Cooking class for several neighbors with Chef Gina Sippo from Tuscany.

*David Test* has started his own local consulting practice of helping employers build better 401k retirement plans.

*Alex Gustafson* finished a 6-month math "Brain Training" class at Learning RX and completed with high honors. Congratulations, Alex!

*Madison Gustafson* made the company and competition at Dance Zone for the 3rd year, and will compete in 5 dance routines this spring and a hip hop solo.

Thank you *Keith Tarter* for walking early in the morning and bringing Riverhill Drive's trash receptacles to the street.

To share something with the neighborhood, send a short description to [newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto: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**

If you have comments, nominations, or gardening tips for the newsletter, please contact Steve Kennedy at [skenesq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skenesq@sbcglobal.net).



The Yard of the Month is taking its annual winter break and will resume this spring. For water efficiency tips and other gardening information, visit the Yard of the Month section on the Shoal Creek website.

**In the News ...**

**Plano Profile Magazine** ran several articles regarding Shoal Creek in their November edition. If you missed seeing it, you can find these online:

*Christmas Cops:*

[http://www.christmascops.com/articles/PP\\_1108.pdf](http://www.christmascops.com/articles/PP_1108.pdf) or  
[http://trendmag.trendoffset.com/publisher/discoverplano/Plano\\_Profile/issue2/magazine.php?mag=Plano\\_Profile&page=44](http://trendmag.trendoffset.com/publisher/discoverplano/Plano_Profile/issue2/magazine.php?mag=Plano_Profile&page=44)

*Tree Reforestation Project:*

[http://trendmag.trendoffset.com/publisher/discoverplano/Plano\\_Profile/issue2/magazine.php?mag=Plano\\_Profile&page=30](http://trendmag.trendoffset.com/publisher/discoverplano/Plano_Profile/issue2/magazine.php?mag=Plano_Profile&page=30)

**- hoops -**

There seems to be an increasing number of backboards going up in the neighborhood. While shooting some hoops is good practice, anyone thinking of putting up a backboard should try to make sure that it doesn't inconvenience neighbors. Since even professionals can miss the backboard, anyone putting a backboard up should try to make sure that such misses do not wind up on their neighbor's property where it might destroy or damage plants or structures. It's just common courtesy.

**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](mailto:directory@shoalcreekhoa.com).

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