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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.

HOA Annual Assessments—If you haven't paid your 2010 assessment yet, it is now past due and CMA is levying fines and interest on delinquent accounts. Please pay as soon as possible to prevent additional charges.



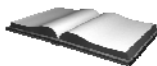
FREEZE WARNING



The City of Plano will fine up to \$1,000 if irrigation systems running during a freeze lead to ice on streets or sidewalks. If your irrigation system doesn't have a working freeze guard, please turn it off during freezing weather.

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.

—WORK ON THE CREEK—

You may have noticed work in progress along the creek. This is being done by Kings' Gate. They are working in six locations along the creek to stabilize the beds, as several properties are about to lose their fences.

Access to the creek will be from a vacant lot in Kings Gate and they will be crossing the creek in about four places. The contractor has worked very closely with the Parks Department to ensure impact on Shoal Creek property will be minimal, and no work will be done on the trail itself.

Speaking of the creek, please no dumping of debris on city or HOA property!

ADULT SOCIAL EVENTS

We have had several wine tastings and they seem to be a hit! Denise Zinser asks if anyone would be open to opening their home to share wine and appetizers during the month of February or March? Please contact her at denise@zinsers.com if you can help.



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—

The 2010 Shoal Creek Neighborhood directory was recently mailed to all homeowners. 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.



CHRISTMAS COPs COLLECTION AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

It was a very cold day when Santa (*Mark Brumback*) made his way to the Gazebo December 12 for Breakfast with Santa. Santa helps *Auveed Saki, Logan Holley, Georgia Wood, Megan Rinker, Erica Liddell, and Kenzie Bierig* gathered toys, served hot chocolate, donuts and candy canes. The coffee donated by Starbucks at Parker/Tollway helped keep the adults warm. (Please thank Casey if you stop by.) Officer Aaron Benzick attended from the Plano Police Department. Thank you Santa and the Santa Helpers!!! We received another plaque for our contributions to Christmas Cops. Shoal Creek once again was overwhelmingly generous.



When all was over, Mike Burke delivered 21 Christmas Cops Boxes, 9 bikes and helmets for our ten families. These boxes were filled with diapers, formula, clothing, toys, music, books, hygiene items, dishes, pots and pans, bedding, and towels. Also included were gift cards for over \$1,500. A special thanks to Sean Mick for helping to load items and Jeff Hicks for loaning the trailer. Thanks to all in Shoal Creek who made this year another huge success and make our neighborhood what it is.

The Progressive Holiday Party was great this year—Thank you to the Rene's and Zinser's for hosting. It was nice to meet new neighbors and catch up with others.

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.

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 Neighborhood directory

Welcome to our New Neighbors

Larry & Charmaine Solomon, 6416 Stone Canyon Drive
 Ryan & Susan Reed, 6516 Riverhill Drive
 Steve & Janice Liddell, 6504 Indian Trail



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.

- CRIME WATCH -



Crime Watch had an uneventful holiday season and we are proud of that! Thanks to all the neighbors who have been diligent in helping keep our neighborhood safe.

We now have a Facebook group, *Shoal Creek HOA Crime Watch Group*, that is updated with crime watch information.

Email blasts will apply to alerts that occur in Shoal Creek only. Please refer to Facebook for all other Plano crime watch alerts. Please report ANY suspicious activities to the Police Dept, then email crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com.

To be added to the Crime Watch mailing list, 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?

Alex Gustafson graduated high school December 2009 and is going to the University of Arkansas.

Natalie Geldert, 10th grade, made the Plano West (PWHS) J.V. softball team and they start their pre-season games in January.

Nick Geldert, 7th grade, was chosen by the Duke University Talent Program to take the SAT with the PWHS seniors this month.

Georgia Wood made the 14's National team for Texas Titans Volleyball Club and the Renner Girls 8th Grade Volleyball were City Champions. The team includes *Megan Rinker* and *Erica Liddell*.

Ryane Burke will be inducted into the National Honors Spanish Society in March at Shepton High School.

Megan Fass made Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Region 25 Middle School Choir and will perform at the All Region concert at PWHS at the end of January.

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

YOM is taking a winter break and will resume in the spring. Thank you to the committee members— Steve Kennedy, Sara Hardwick, Mark Niewerth, and Jason Georgoulis. Thanks also to Katherine Kennedy for contacting the winners each month and distributing the sign.

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



Work on the Gazebo

The gazebo area needs some repairs, so once weather permits we will be temporarily lowering the water level of the lake (just a little) to resolve some erosion issues. We will also be repairing broken tiles on the roof.



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.



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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