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# SHOAL CREEK® NEWSLETTER

## SHOAL CREEK HAPPENINGS

Please check the website [WWW.SHOALCREEKHQA.COM](http://WWW.SHOALCREEKHQA.COM) for up-to-date information about what's going on in Shoal Creek.

We encourage neighbor contributions to the newsletter! Email [newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com)

## CHRISTMAS COPS 2011

Thank you to all the neighbors who donated items, gift cards, and cash! Michael and Ryan Burke delivered three trucks full of wish items to the City of Plano. 16 Christmas Cops boxes were filled with wish list items and 17 bikes were donated by Shoal Creek. A HUGE thanks to all the block captains that gathered these items from their neighbors. Your help is so appreciated. We are truly blessed to make a difference for 33 children this holiday season.

## SHOAL CREEK HOA now on Facebook

Have you joined the Shoal Creek HOA group on Facebook yet? If not, locate the group and request to join it.



The annual Shoal Creek Pumpkin Carving on October 30th was a huge success! Thanks to Tim Trylovich for organizing such a fun event for the neighborhood.



**Check the Website!**  
To help keep costs down and better comply with U.S. Postal Service regulations, we are 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.**

## 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 \$45, and water heater permits are also \$45, with inspections required for both. Check [www.buildinginspections.org/residential](http://www.buildinginspections.org/residential) for more information.

## Breakfast with Santa

Santa (thanks to Mark Brumback) stopped by the gazebo on December 10th. He took pictures with neighborhood children and pets, talked to all the kids about who had been naughty and nice, and gathered Santa lists. We even had a visit from the Plano police. Thanks to Emily and Georgia Wood, Courtney Queen, Meagan Rinker, Truc-Linh and Mylinh Tieu for serving hot chocolate, coffee and donuts. Also thanks to Zach Lochabay, Grayson Mick and Brandon and Nicholas Blischak for helping gather donations for Christmas Cops.



## 2011 HOLIDAY PARTY

The neighborhood party was a blast at the beautiful home of Jason and Lisa Georgoulis. The delicious food was catered by Maguires and the DJ was awesome! It was nice to meet new neighbors and reconnect with others. Thank you for hosting, Jason and Lisa!



## HOA Annual Assessments

were mailed on December 1st. Your payment is due January 1, 2012 and delinquent after January 15, when additional fines and fees will be assessed.



Please pay on time to prevent additional charges.

## Have you noticed any public works in need of repair?

This includes repairs for sidewalks, aprons, streets and curbs, and street lights. The HOA will consolidate requests for general public works improvements.

Email [HOABoard@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:HOABoard@shoalcreekhoa.com) for a speedier resolution.



## NEIGHBORHOOD BUNCO GROUP

We meet on the first Monday of the month (excluding January, June, July and August) at rotating neighbors' houses. If you would like to join our group, please contact Patty Murtek at [stmike7@aol.com](mailto:stmike7@aol.com) or 972-370-0860.

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

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

President: Jason Georgoulis  
 Vice President: Kerrie Meyler  
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 Director: Jane Blischak  
 Director: Dave Griffin  
 Director: Steve Kennedy

Contact information available in Shoal Creek directory.  
 Haven't received your 2012 directory yet? Contact Kerrie Meyler or email [info@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:info@shoalcreekhoa.com).

**Ladies' Book Club**

Meets monthly on Thursday evenings. We welcome newcomers and book suggestions! Please contact Darcy Rudnick at [darcyrudnick@swbell.net](mailto:darcyrudnick@swbell.net) for more information.



**CITY OF PLANO WATER RESTRICTIONS**

Recent rains are entering local lakes but have not been enough to change water conservation needs.

In Stage 3 watering is restricted to **once every other week so please turn your timer systems OFF and operate them manually if needed.**

Lawn grasses go dormant during the fall and winter season. They will naturally go brown and do not need water.

The watering schedule by address is:

- Even numbers: Every Other Thursday beginning Nov. 3
- Odd numbers: Every Other Tuesday beginning Nov. 8

**Watering is prohibited between 10:00am-6:00pm**

For more information on these restrictions, visit <http://www.plano.gov/Water/Pages/default.aspx>

**- CRIME WATCH -**

Our crime watch coordinator is Alice Brumback. To report incidents, call 911 and then email [crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com).

The Facebook **Shoal Creek HOA Crime Watch Group** is updated when there is new Crime Watch information.

To join, locate the group and request to join it.

To verify your HOA membership, email your address to [crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com).



*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 Sharlene Maayeh at [directory@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:directory@shoalcreekhoa.com).



*Volunteers Needed*

The Shoal Creek HOA is seeking interested individuals with a desire to take a leadership role within the Association. The Association needs the ongoing support of members to continue efforts in preserving and enhancing the life-style of our community. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.** Please fill out the form on the Shoal Creek website. We are currently looking for volunteers to join the Welcoming Committee. If you are interested, let us know!

**YARD OF THE MONTH**

YOM is taking a winter break and will resume in the spring.

Thanks to all of our regular Yard of the Month winners, who consistently put in the extra effort on their landscaping! It makes the whole neighborhood look better and helps keep all of our property values above average.

If you have comments, nominations, or gardening tips for the newsletter, please contact Lisa Georgoulis at [lisa@btcair.com](mailto:lisa@btcair.com).



**"No Solicitation Signs"** are available for \$27. Contact Kerrie Meyler for a sign. Signs meet specifications required by the City of Plano, and are 6"x12" with a stake.

**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](mailto: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."

**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.

**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?**

**Christine Tang**, a senior at Baylor, competed in Miss Plano, winning the title and scholarship for law school! She will now compete in the Miss Texas pageant. Congratulations and good luck!

**Tanner Holley** has been accepted to Texas A&M. He will be a third generation Aggie, following his paternal grandfather, father, mother and two aunts! Whoop!

Congratulations to these new drivers: **Michaela Mick, Zachary Lochabay, Alex Lochabay and Georgia Wood.** Drive carefully!

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

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