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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.

Shoal Creek Holiday Party

Its hard to envision with the temperature near 100 degrees, but planning is starting for the 12th Annual Progressive Holiday Party. Mark your calendars for Dec 12! We need several volunteers for host houses. No work for you—*HOA does it all*. Please help by contacting Katherine Kennedy at kbkennedy@sbcglobal.net.

LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS

As we enter another Texas style summer, do your part conserving water or even free yourself from having to water those outdoor potted plants out of reach from your sprinklers:

- Consider installing a "do it yourself" drip system
- Install an efficient Misting Kit for your Gazebo, Patio, or Green House



Free Videos and Tutorials at <http://www.dripdepot.com>.

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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.

- ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES -

Denise Zinser is planning another wine tasting later this summer, check the website for current activities!

If you're looking for something to do with your weeknights or the weekends, from Arts and Crafts to Classes and Workshops there's a wide variety of categories to chose from at www.artandseek.org, a service from KERA for North Texas.

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!

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).

No Solicitation Signs—We are currently out of the popular "No Solicitations" signs. If you are interested in obtaining a sign, contact Kerrie Liebowitz to get on the list for the next order. The signs meet specifications required by the City of Plano, and are 6"x12" with a stake.



- ANNUAL MEETING -

Our 2009 annual meeting was June 15. Thanks to all who attended or submitted their proxy to help us make quorum! Jason Georgoulis was elected to the Board of Directors, and Steve Halbeisen was elected for a second term.

Drawings were held for two \$100 Del Frisco's gift certificates. Winners were:

- Attending meeting: Dennis and Joan Cox
- Sending proxy: Allen and Mary Mashburn

Found—Kid's Bicycles

Left in bushes—purple Mongoose, purple Raleigh, silver PK Vertical. Contact David Test, 214-912-4015

Annual 4th of July Parade

Saturday, July 4th, 2009
Sunset Park

Meet at Sunset Park by 8:30 am
Group picture at 8:45 am

Face-painting, refreshments, and a child safety discussion available after the parade.

Hope to see all of you at the parade!



Please contact Sara Hardwick if you have any questions, at shardwick@sbcglobal.net.

Sara needs several volunteers to help with the parade—please call her at 214-215-7962 if you can help!

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

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

Welcome to our New Neighbors

Souheil Maayah, 6433 Rockbluff 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 -



"Blue-eyed" crime watch neighborhood signs were recently installed at all Shoal Creek entrances to raise visibility of our neighborhood crime watch.

As our children begin to spend more time outside during the summer, please slow down and make a complete stop at STOP signs. Failure to stop is a moving violation and carries hefty fines.

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?

Congratulations to *Kelsea Burke* and *Christina Trestler* who graduated from Plano West. Kelsea is going to OU and Christine is going to University of Missouri.

Congrats to *Shana Burke* who graduated from Indiana University.

Congratulations to *Emily Wood* who graduated from Barksdale Elementary and will be going to Renner Middle School in the fall.

Lauren Heier was inducted into NJHS in May and will attend Ursuline Academy in the fall.

Performing in dance recitals: *Ida Saki*, *Alex* and *Emma Lochabay*, *Maddy Rinker* and *Meredith Brumback* from Dance Industry; *Marly Koven* at Motion, *Emily Wood* with Ms. Belinda, and *Lindsey Heier* at KJ.

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

Congratulations to the following Yard of the Month winners:

May—Tracy and Denise Metten, 6633 Canyon Oaks

June—Steve and Cara Mahan, 6644 Woodland Hills

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



PLANTING IN NORTH TEXAS

A Texas A&M landscaping publication recommends the following as best for North Texas yard planning:

Sun:

Madame Galen Trumpet Creeper or Trumpet Vine, Crimson Pygmy Barberry, Semi-dwarf Crape Myrtle, Rose-of-Sharon, Texas Sage, Blue Point Juniper, Hollywood Juniper, Crape Myrtle, Oklahoma Redbud, Bigtooth Maple, Chinese Pistache, Ornamental Pear, Panicked Goldenrain Tree, Texas Red Oak, Bald Cypress, Shumard Oak, Southern Live Oak

Sun to Partial Shade:

Carolina Yellow Jessamine, Dwarf Glossy Abelia, Edward Goucher Abelia, Glossy Abelia, Cleyera, Nandina, Ebbinges' Silverberry, Fraser's Photinia, Caddo Maple, Cedar Elm

Sun to Shady:

Asiatic Jasmine, Lillope or Lily Turf, Purple Leaf Euonymus, Carissa Holly, Dwarf Nandina, Dwarf Yaupon Holly, Dwarf Buford Holly, Nellie R. Stevens Holly, Yaupon Holly

Partial Shade to Shade:

English Ivy, Mondo Grass or Monkey Grass, Boston Ivy, English Ivy, Japanese Aucuba, Japanese Maple

This is just a partial listing of suggested ground covers, vines, shrubs, and trees. For a full listing and additional details, check out

<http://plantanswers.tamu.edu/publications/northcen.html>.



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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