



SHOAL CREEK NEWSLETTER

HOA HAPPENINGS -

Be sure to check the website—www.shoalcreekhoa.com—For up-to-date information about what's going on in our community. Newsletter contributions are ALWAYS welcome. (Really!) Please email newsletter@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.

Stay tuned for adult social event planned for March. Details to follow.

- CRIME WATCH -



A homeowner recently reported his house was toilet-papered not once, not twice, but three times. Once may seem funny. Three times is just malicious and outright nasty. This is a Class C Misdemeanor offense—if caught, a citation is issued & you must appear in court.

Moms and Dads: Please tell your teenagers the seriousness of being arrested!

Please report any suspicious activity to the Plano Police Dept and crime-watch@shoalcreekhoa.com.

FREEZE WARNING!



The City of Plano prohibits icing of streets & sidewalks. Every winter when temperatures decline, irrigation overspray on public streets and sidewalks causes dangerous icing conditions that threaten public safety. Icing of streets & sidewalks is a violation of Section 21-52 of the City Code of Ordinances. Each occurrence constitutes a separate violation punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 per day.

So remember, when temperatures drop, **TURN OFF THOSE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS** or better yet, utilize a freeze sensor that temporarily turns the system off.

Breakfast with Santa/Christmas Cops 2005

For the first time, this year Shoal Creek's Breakfast with Santa incorporated the Christmas Cops program sponsored by the Police department. Thanks to all Shoal Creek Families who contributed with donations (toys, books, games, clothing & gift cards) at Breakfast with Santa. Many donated cash at the Breakfast and Progressive Party, which was used for gift certificates.

We sponsored five needy families selected by the Plano Police. One family had seven members, and was identified through a radio station as a special Katrina victim family. Officer Alicia Nors said it best: "If all neighborhoods responded like Shoal Creek, we could double the number of families supported by the Christmas Cops program."

The following major supporters helped sponsor individual families, providing specific wish list items. We could not have completed our family wish lists without them. We provided wanted items for over 20 children & their parents (coats, socks, clothing, bedding, towels, toys, tricycles, household items, stocking stuffers & gift cards). Thanks to everyone!

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| Mr. & Mrs. Julie Geldert | Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hopson |
| Mr. & Mrs. Doug Buncher | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Frank |
| Mr. & Mrs. Mike McGuiness | Mr. & Mrs. Stan Liebowitz |
| Mr. & Mrs. Ken Dauber | Mr. & Mrs. Mark Brumback |
| Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Holley | Mr. & Mrs. Michael Burke |
| Mr. & Mrs. Alan Proffitt | Mr. & Mrs. Renee & Don Lawhorne |
| Mr. & Mrs. Don Lochabay | Mr. & Mrs. Cathy & John Murphy |
| Mr. & Mrs. Louis Koven | Mr. & Mrs. Lourdes & Karim Santiago |
| Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Taylor | Mr. & Mrs. Karin & Fred Kuglin |
| Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hicks | Mr. & Mrs. Barry & Kim Kemball-Cook |
| Mr. & Mrs. Will McAndrew | Mr. & Mrs. Connie & Mike Barbaro |
| Mr. & Mrs. Scot Brunke | |

Special thanks to Janie Burke, Alice Brumback & Fred Kuglin for organizing this event, and to Janie for packing, labeling, & storing the donations!

Board of Directors

- President: Steve Kennedy
 Vice President: David Test
 Secretary: Kerrie Liebowitz
 Treasurer: Mike Mount
 Director: Gary Chatham
 Director: David Griffin
 Director: Tim Trylovich

Contact information is available in the Shoal Creek directory.

DID YOU KNOW? HOLIDAY PARTY HOST HOUSES

Thank you **Courtney & Tim Trylovich, Suzanne & Max Toy, and Leslie & Mike Mount** for being host houses for the 8th Annual Progressive Holiday Party! While the party is still fresh in your mind, *we'd like to get volunteers for next time.* People think being a host house is a lot of work, but it's really not:

- ◆ *Caterer* surveys home & makes suggestions for food stations, etc.
- ◆ *Caterer* provides servers and clean up crew
- ◆ *Rental company* provides serving platters and utensils
- ◆ *HOA Board* provides plates, glasses, and mixers
- ◆ *HOA* coordinates everything and makes all arrangements
- ◆ *You* simply open your home for a nice time!

Please contact Katherine Kennedy or Kerrie Liebowitz if interested! (Contact information is in directory.)

HOME IMPROVEMENTS—Adding on to your house? Building a pool? Doing any major landscaping project? **Any exterior work or exterior improvements** needs 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.

Welcome to Our New Neighbors

Michael & Wanda Morgan, 6640 Canyon Oaks
Gregory & Susan Schwartz, 6521 Twin Oaks
Robert & Cynthia Ulrich, 6616 Riverside Dr.
 If you are new to Shoal Creek & we don't have your information or it is incomplete, please email Alice Brumback at AliceBrumback@aol.com.



Speaking of signs—There are a few "No Solicitations" signs still available. The signs meet the specifications required by the City of Plano, are 6"x12" with a stake and are available (at cost) to Shoal Creek homeowners for \$30.80 including tax. Contact Kerrie Liebowitz if interested in acquiring a sign.

COVENEANTS, CONDITIONS & RESTRICTIONS (CC&R) REVISIONS

As mentioned at our annual meeting last year, we have a committee working on revisions to our Home Owners Association CC&Rs. The CC&Rs dictate what you can/cannot do on your lot, and how business is conducted by the HOA. Areas being worked on include:

- **Eliminating unneeded "Class B" HOA membership** & language initially included in our documents to accommodate the developer;
- **Clarifying the rules** for establishing a quorum, notice, and voting requirements, which in their current form are confusing at best;
- **Modifying our existing restrictions** for yard signs to allow some flexibility in what is now a blanket prohibition of yard signs in all but a few very limited circumstances (the changes would include exceptions for school spirit signs, birth announcements, limited political campaign signs and such);
- **Setting a budget** for social expenditures in line with what, with homeowner input, would be appropriate for the activities that our residents have enjoyed over the past years;
- **Setting time limits** for leaving trash cans on the street; and
- **Allowing the board** to establish a quorum and vote via email on issues where deemed appropriate or expedient to do so.

If you have ideas or suggestions for changes in our CC&Rs, please send in email to Steve Kennedy, David Test, Kerrie Liebowitz, or Diana Maglott. Contact information is in the Shoal Creek directory.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of the Month will resume in the Spring. *In the meantime, we want to thank Alice Brumback for her help with Christmas lighting at the Shoal Forest entrance and the Park at Indian Trail.*



If you have comments, nominations, gardening tips for the newsletter, or want to be on the Yard of the Month nominating committee, please contact Steve Kennedy.

GARDENING TIPS—SPRINKLER MAINTENANCE



If you don't have Freeze Guard, be sure to turn off your sprinklers if the temperature is forecasted to be below freezing. *Plano fines for frozen sidewalks!*

It is also a good time to check your sprinkler heads for damage. One of our early morning walkers has noticed several geysers that are in need of attention!

SHARE YOUR STORIES!

Soccer, anyone? Both Courtney and Kristen Barg (who play for the Texans Soccer Club) are on teams that placed first in the Premier League which gives them an automatic bid into regionals in Little Rock this June. Both teams are also playing in the Disney showcase over New Years.

Dean's List! Kaylan Hopson (daughter of Jim and Diane Hopson) made the Dean's List again at Auburn University where she is a Sophomore. She was also elected to serve on the Executive board of the Pi Beta Phi sorority as the Vice President of Events. Congratulations to Kaylan!

Take time to hear the music ... Shoal Creek hosted a piano recital at the home of Dr. Irwin and Irene Tang. The neighborhood participants were Cooper and Jackson Hicks, Chloe McAndrew and Carolyn Tang.

More music and a party! ... Alex Lochabay and the Dance Industry Broadway Babies had their holiday party at the Lochabay home. They enjoyed caroling throughout the neighborhood.

Want to share something with the neighborhood?

Send a short description and/or picture to Stan Liebowitz at newsletter@shoalcreekhwa.com for inclusion in our next newsletter!

Thank You Once AGAIN, Alice

We can't say it enough, but thanks again to Alice Brumback for all her hard work to maintain the HOA Directory. Alice Brumback & Kerrie Liebowitz recently compiled a bound copy of the directory. Please contact Alice at alicebrumback@aol.com, if you need an updated electronic copy.



Arrival December 30, 2005—*Audrey Elise Bryant*, 8 lb. 6 oz., 19 1/2" long. Congratulations to John & Julie Bryant of 6624 Whispering Woods Court!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Thank you to "Santa" Jeff Hicks who did a "ho-ho-holiday" great job entertaining all the children in the neighborhood. Over 40 families enjoyed doughnuts, fun, and pictures with Santa. Christmas Cops donations were collected by the following Santa Helpers: Ryane Burke and friend Anna, Natalie Geldert, Brian Harrison, Tanner Holley, Zach Lochabay, Blaine and Reed Tarter, Aleem Virani and Friend Steve. Thank you also Alice Brumback for all your help!



The **8th Annual Progressive Holiday Party** had over 90 attendees. Many thanks to Courtney & Tim Trylovich, Suzanne & Max Toy, and Leslie & Michael Mount for being host houses! And thank you Kerrie Liebowitz, Katherine Kennedy, and Candy Proffitt for planning and coordinating this event.

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.

The HOA uses the directory to notify neighbors for crime watch alerts and to contact you for neighborhood events including annual meetings and other activities.

If you are new to Shoal Creek and we don't have information or it is incomplete, *please* contact Alice Brumback at Alice-Brumback@aol.com.

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