



# SHOAL CREEK NEWSLETTER

## HOA HAPPENINGS -

Be sure to check the website—[www.shoalcreekhoa.com](http://www.shoalcreekhoa.com)—For up-to-date information about what's going on in our community.

**Newsletter contributions** are ALWAYS welcome. (Really!) Please email Stan Liebowitz, [newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:newsletter@shoalcreekhoa.com).

## - CRIME WATCH -

In light of recent incidents around Shoal Creek, please take precautions with your vehicles and homes. With warmer weather, petty crimes are on the increase. If you are planning to be away during summer break, please ask at least one neighbor to periodically check on your house during your absence.



For more crime prevention tips, check the following websites: [www.crimepreventiontips.org](http://www.crimepreventiontips.org) and [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

If you have not signed up to receive crime watch alerts and bulletins, please email your name, address, and preferred email address to [crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com).

## DINNER AT BLUE MESA THURSDAY APRIL 26

The HOA is sponsoring a dinner buffet at Blue Mesa (Tollway access Road just south of Hwy 121) from 6-9 PM on April 26th. This is an adults-only event. Appetizers are available beginning at 6 PM, with dinner starting at 7:00. Cash bar available. If you have not already RSVP'd, please do so immediately! More information is available on the website, [www.shoalcreekhoa.com](http://www.shoalcreekhoa.com), on the Shoal Creek Events page. Costs for the meal are paid for by the Shoal Creek HOA. Many thanks to Karen Warren for organizing this event!

**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.

**Speaking of signs**—Yes, we still have "No Solicitations" signs available. The signs meet specifications required by the City of Plano, are 6"x12" with stake & available to Shoal Creek homeowners at \$21.00. Contact Kerrie Liebowitz if interested.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Our HOA is effective entirely because of our volunteers. We can always use new faces, and the more people who help, the less work for any one individual! In 2007, we are looking for help in these areas:**

- ◆ **Board of Directors**—3 positions are open in June
- ◆ **Holiday Party**—host houses & helping on the planning committee. We need volunteers to continue this event.

**Please contact Steve Kennedy or Kerrie Liebowitz to volunteer. Contact information in the HOA Board of Directors section on the back page of this newsletter.**

## ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Karen Warren is our Adult Social Events Coordinator. If you have ideas for upcoming social events or would like to help out, please contact her! Phone number listed in Shoal Creek directory.

## Harry LaRosiliere— Shoal Creek Resident on City Council

Did you know we have a Shoal Creek Resident on Plano City Council? In 2005 Harry LaRosiliere (Briar Ridge Lane) was elected to an at-large position, Place 5, for a three year term. Harry now dedicates two Monday nights a month to City Council meetings. (If you've been to any of the meetings, you know they are long!)



If you need to contact someone in city government, you can reach Harry at his personal email address, [harrylarosiliere@tx.rr.com](mailto:harrylarosiliere@tx.rr.com), or [hlarosiliere@plano.gov](mailto:hlarosiliere@plano.gov). Harry has also started sending out a monthly newsletter, "Plain Ole' News." Email him if you want to be added to the mailing list.

## HOA Annual Meeting June 11

Our 2007 annual meeting is the 2nd Monday of June at 6:45 PM, meeting packets are mailed in early May.

Anticipated items for discussion include:

- ◆ Status on the lawsuit against Shoal Creek 6
- ◆ Possible dues increase
- ◆ Electing three HOA Board members
- ◆ Weeds! Robert Whitney from the City will discuss their procedures for unkempt lots.

If interested in serving on the Board, contact Steve Kennedy at [skenesq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skenesq@sbcglobal.net). Terms are 3 years; the Board meets 4x/year. Be more involved in what goes on in Shoal Creek without a huge time investment!

## SAVE MONEY AND MEET THE CHALLENGE

**Pay as you throw!**...Households generating a smaller amount of trash can request a 68-gallon refuse cart and pay \$2.60 a month less for trash service, saving \$31.20 annually. Service with a 95-gallon cart is \$13.85 monthly; the 68-gallon cart is \$11.25/month.

Recycling more can help you use a smaller trash cart! Fill your recycle cart with acceptable items including newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office paper, small cardboard boxes, #1 & #2 plastic bottles, glass jars & bottles, aluminum cans, metal cans, chipboard (found in cereal & cracker boxes), and phone books. To encourage additional recycling, the City of Plano supplies a second recycle cart for no additional monthly charge.

Plano's Sustainability and Environmental Services Department has issued a **Recycling Challenge** for 2007 to recycle 25,000 tons by Sep. 30, 2007. To see how much we are recycling versus other areas in Plano, see [www.livegreeninplano.com/recycling](http://www.livegreeninplano.com/recycling). All recyclables go into the green recycle cart. If you still have a divider in your recycle cart, make room for more recyclables by calling Customer Service at 972-769-4150 for FREE divider removal. For more information about Plano's recycling program, e-mail Glenna Brown at [glennab@plano.gov](mailto:glennab@plano.gov) or call 972-769-4228.

— HOA Board of Directors —

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

Contact information available in the Shoal Creek HOA Directory.

**Wanted: Playgroup for 5 year olds**

Lisa Rand on Indian Trail has a 5-year old son named Gregory. She is interested in getting together a play group at her house with boys & girls his age. Please contact Lisa if interested.

**Welcome to our New Neighbors**

Joe & Sandra Goodrich, 6633 Whispering Woods  
If you are new to Shoal Creek & we don't have your information or it is incomplete, please email [gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com](mailto:gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com).



**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.



The Shoal Creek Easter Egg Hunt was a hippity-hoppity fun time. While the snowflakes fell, 50 families enjoyed hunting for eggs, taking their picture with the Easter bunny, face painting, & making crafts. Oliver Chatham found the golden egg. Emma Lochabay and Meredith Brumback found the two silver eggs. The other golden egg is still waiting to be found!

Thank you Susan Thomas, Nicole Thomas, Alecia Talley, Kris Brunke, Chloe McAndrew, Debbie McAndrew, Ryane Burke, Alex Lochaby, Dennis Cox, and Sara Hardwick for helping stuff 700 eggs. The bunny had some very cold helpers hide eggs, face paint, and make crafts. They were freezing but made everything fun for our younger neighbors. Thank you to Kelli Hopson, Samantha Kidd, Carolyn Tang, Kelsea Burke, Ryane Burke for making the Easter Egg Hunt another great and fun event!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

*Danielle Tilford* was elected Shepton High School cheerleader for the 2007-2008 school year.

*Cheyenne Tilford* choreographed a lyrical dance for the PTA Reflections contest at Barksdale Elementary and her choreography won at the school, district, and regional and state levels!

*Chloe McAndrew* won 2nd place in the PISA art competition for the Dallas area Catholic schools and will compete in the State competition 4/28.

*Kristin and Courtney Barg*'s Plano West High School's Girls Soccer Team won the STATE championship the weekend of April 14th!

The Plano Police Dept is offering *Vacation Safety School* in June, 9 am-12 noon for children 6-9 who live in Plano. Classes are at no cost but space is limited. Classes are Monday through Friday and available each week of June. Call 972-941-2431 for application information.

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

*Neighborhood Directory Coordinator*

Susan Schwartz is the neighborhood directory coordinator for Shoal Creek. Susan maintains the directory entries throughout the year. If your information has changed or is incomplete contact her at [gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com](mailto:gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com). Susan, thanks for all your work!

**BE SURE CMA HAS YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS!**

Effective June 1, 2007, our management company is imposing a \$25 fee to homeowners that do not inform them of changes to their mailing address. CMA uses your address information to send special notices, annual meetings notifications, association updates, legal updates, etc. You must provide them with WRITTEN notice of your change of address. While the HOA uses the address information you provide for our neighborhood directory, CMA is requiring you contact them directly—they will not accept changes from us.

**YARD OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to our 2007 YOM winners!

March—Dale & Corky Netherland, Overlook Court  
April—Bryan & Jennifer Brush, Twin Oaks



Prepare your lawn for the summer! De-thatching or scalping the lawn removes dead material. Aeration allows fertilizer and water to get down to the root zone while loosening the soil for better root promotion. This is also a good time to add a pre-emergent and fertilizer.

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 at [skenesq@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skenesq@sbcglobal.net).

*—Neighborhood Directory Updates—*

The hardcopy neighborhood directory was distributed in December. If you are new to Shoal Creek and did not receive a copy, please contact Kerrie Liebowitz

**UPDATED WATERING RESTRICTIONS ARE ENFORCED MAY 7TH**

Plano has amended its watering restrictions: our new watering times are Tuesday 2:00-9:59 a.m. & Friday 6:01-10:00 pm. Violation enforcement includes use of a locking device and fines starting at \$210 per occurrence. For more information, see the City's web page at [www.plano.gov/water](http://www.plano.gov/water).

*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 & other activities. If you are new to the neighborhood and we don't have information or it is incomplete, please contact Susan Schwartz at [gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com](mailto:gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com).

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