



# 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 -

**A Shoal Creek family** reported their house has been toilet-papered six times to date. Please be aware this is a Class C misdemeanor offense. If caught, a citation is issued and you must appear in court. Moms & Dads: Please tell your teenagers the seriousness of being arrested!  
**We still have speeders** driving around Shoal Creek at very high speeds. *Please slow down:* There are a lot of kids running around during summer break. We will start publishing vehicle tag information on our website if neighbors spot you ignoring speed limits of 30 MPH in residential streets.  
**As always, keep your garage** doors closed & cars locked if parked outside.  
**To receive crime watch alerts** and bulletins, please email your name, address, & preferred email address to [crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:crimewatch@shoalcreekhoa.com).



## EVENTS UPDATE

On April 26, the Shoal Creek HOA hosted an adult social event at **Blue Mesa Grill** (Dallas Parkway in Plano). Approximately 70 neighbors enjoyed appetizers, dinner and dessert. Many thanks to Karen Warren for organizing this event.  
**July 4th Parade**—Over 150 residents attended the Parade this year. Thanks to Kimberly and Barry Cook, Sara Hardwick, Lisa Test, Lars Berglund, the Plano Fire and Police Department, and all our other parade helpers!  
The 10th **Annual Holiday Party** is scheduled for Saturday December 15th. Mark your calendars!

**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! We are looking for help in these areas:**

- ◆ **Landscaping**
- ◆ **Christmas Lights**
- ◆ **Holiday Party**—host houses & helping on the planning committee.

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

## Approved Dues Increase

*Yes, we thought that would get your attention.* As discussed at the annual meeting, although the inflation rate has been approximately 30% over the past 10 years the HOA has never increased dues. However, our costs have increased to where we now must do that. The Board of Directors has the authority to raise dues 25% per year without a vote by the membership (Section 3.05b), and has approved a 20% increase for 2008.

## ADULT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Karen Warren is our Adult Social Events Coordinator. If you have ideas for upcoming social events or can help out, please contact her at [karen.warren83@sbcglobal.net](mailto:karen.warren83@sbcglobal.net) or 972-987-8267.

## QUICK TIPS FOR HEALTHY GRILLING

(Contributed by Sandra Cox, 6525 Riverhill Dr, BS in Dietetics)

I held my first barbeque in early May. If you remember, the weather was a bit dangerous; but the food wasn't. It was starting to get hot & humid as our summers often do. I invited over friends & family; some were daring enough to try the cold swimming pool! Barbeques are a good way to spend time with others, but be sure it is safe and healthy for your guests. Here are some tips to help keep your barbeque safe and healthy. They also will help reduce risk of food-borne illness and reduce potential carcinogens. You can then focus on spending time with your guests!

- ✓ Adjust grill so food cooks evenly, inside and out.
- ✓ Use a clean plate to transfer cooked meat back into the house.
- ✓ Clean grill between uses to reduce exposure to bacteria and carcinogens
- ✓ Turn meat over at least once for even cooking.
- ✓ Avoid charring the outside of meats as it can produce carcinogens. To reduce these substances marinate the meat, precook it before grilling, or scrape off blackened surfaces.
- ✓ Cook poultry & fish until internal temperature reaches target: 180F for poultry, 160F for fish.
- ✓ Control coals to avoid flame flare-ups:
  - Trim obvious fat from meat first
  - Drain high fat marinades
  - Have spray bottle of water

Food safety is essential for a safe grilling experience, but for the health conscious who want to provide some healthier options at their barbeque, here are tips to make grilling more healthy:

- ✓ Include a lot of vegetables to add to hamburgers
- ✓ Cook up some turkey burgers
- ✓ Choose meats that are lower in fat
- ✓ Try Kabobs: they are a great way to add a variety of vegetables
- ✓ Grill some pineapple the next time you are cooking fish
- ✓ Liquid smoke adds the smoky flavor, without the grilling.

Reference: Duyff RL. ADA Complete Food and Nutrition Guide. 2nd ed. Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc; 2002.



**WELCOME TO THE NEW BOARD!**  
— Welcome to our New Board —

President: Kerrie Liebowitz  
Vice President: David Test  
Secretary: Fred Kuglin  
Treasurer: Mike Mount  
Director: Steve Halbeisen  
Director: Ernie Siraki  
Director: Anna Willison

Contract information available in the Shoal Creek HOA Directory, or email [hoaboard@shoalcreekhoa.com](mailto:hoaboard@shoalcreekhoa.com)

**Welcome to our New Neighbors**

Eddie Andrews, 6605 Shoal Forest Court  
Gary & Stephanie Barnes, 6505 Twin Oaks Dr.  
Robert & Iku Frey, 6408 Rockbluff Circle  
Rose Glascock, 6612 Boundary Creek Circle  
Rick & Shannon Rene, 6529 Hidden Creek Ct.  
John & Judith Wilkerson, 6632 Woodland Hills Ln.  
Peter & Jenny Wood, 6509 Riverhill Dr.



If you are new to Shoal Creek & we don't have your contact information or it is incomplete, please email Susan Schwartz at [gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com](mailto:gregsusanschwartz1@tx.rr.com).

**Independence Day at Shoal Creek**

History came to life at our 4th of July Parade when Jack Woodmansee (6609 Shady Creek Cir) took a closer look at an army Jeep taking part in the parade. The Jeep, belonging to Barry Kembal-Cook (6509 Twin Oaks Dr), is an authentic 1952 Wiley's M38 military Jeep bearing the unit markings for the 2nd Armored Division. Our neighbor, retired Lt. General Jack Woodmansee was a Major General and Commander of the 2nd Armored Division in Europe 1982-1984. He later commanded the 5th Corps as a Lieutenant General. During his tenure, the army introduced the M1 Abrams tank and the Bradley Fighting vehicle. The army also perfected its night fighting expertise at this time.

His son Captain Robert Woodmansee was Company Commander in the 1st Brigade 2nd Armored Division during Desert Storm.

Both Barry and Lt. General Woodmansee enjoyed sharing stories about the jeep & history of the 2nd Armored Division. The neighborhood kids enjoyed playing on the Jeep. We are proud to have retired Lt. General Jack Woodmansee as a Shoal Creek neighbor!



**DID YOU KNOW?**

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

Marly Koven, Meredith Brumback, Emma Lochabay, and Ida Saki performed at *Dance Industry's Recital* in May. Motion performers were Natalie Buncher and Alex Lochabay.

Congratulations to *Connor Taylor*! Connor graduated from Plano West and will be attending Oklahoma University in the fall.

The *Cheetah Girls* softball team was a bit HIT! The team was well represented with four 6-year old girls from Shoal Creek. Cheetah Girls are Maddie Gold, Marly Kove, Meredith Brumback, and Isabell Chaiken. Go Cheetah Girls!

*Kelli Hopson* and *Kelsea Burke* made the 2007-2008 Plano West Royales Drill Team.

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

*New Neighborhood Committee*

The Shoal Creek HOA Board is developing a 3-year plan for our association. This will include a Vision statement for the HOA and Objectives, Goals and Operating Strategies for the key committees. If you are interested in helping define our direction for the next three years, please contact David Test at [dlptest@juno.com](mailto:dlptest@juno.com).

**YARD OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to our 2007 YOM winners!

March—Dale & Corky Netherland, 6625 Overlook Ct

April—Bryan & Jennifer Brush, 6409 Twin Oaks

May—Harry & Tracy LaRosiliere, 6604 Briar Ridge

June—Glenn & Mendy Williams, 6601 Overlook Ct

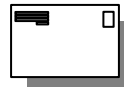
July—Steve & Cara Mahan, 6644 Woodland Hills



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).

**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.



**Watch the HOA website for upcoming announcements about a Fall Adult Social Event.**

—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 (contact info under HOA Board).

**PLANO WATERING RESTRICTIONS TERMINATED!**

**The City of Plano ended Stage 3** mandatory restrictions July 3rd. However, they do request you still:

- ✓ Do not water between 10 am and 6 pm
- ✓ Avoid excessive watering
- ✓ Remember lawns need only one inch of water weekly
- ✓ Do not water when it is raining

*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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