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# **Happy New Year**

I trust you all had a safe and happy holiday season. Just a few reminders this month. Those interested in volunteering for the Shadow Creek Volunteers Group please contact me. We are looking into having the first annual Shadow Creek Ranch Spring Fest but can't do it without the input and assistance from the community. Please contact me. This is a fun way to make a difference in your community and encourage the neighborly spirit of Shadow Creek Ranch.

Spring is approaching. Many of you have received letters concerning weeds in your lawn. Please know that Shadow Creek Ranch lawns must be maintained free of weeds and edged. Weeds are contagious. Be considerate of your neighbors and be sure to invest in weed killers and fertilizers this spring to ensure that you have a beautiful, weed-free lawn. Keep in mind also that the association has the right to enter your property and fix certain violations at your expense. If you have received a letter, please be sure to correct the issue. We won't keep sending letters. After some time, the violation is corrected by us at your expense, or referred to the attorney which is also at your expense. Let's not get that far over some weeds please.

Trash pick-up: Please remember that your trash must be secured. We are receiving calls from homeowners regarding other people's trash blowing on their lawn. No-one wants to pick up other folks throw-aways so be sure to close those trash bags.

As you may remember from last month's newsletter, we now have a classified section as well as a section dedicated to teenagers seeking work. If your teen is interested in baby-sitting, dog walking, car washing etc., please jump on board and send in your information.

**Dues**: All of you should have received your annual dues statement for 2009. Know that you will incur late fees if not paid in full by Jan. 31st 2009.

I would like to thank all of you who continue to reach out and call to report deed violations. Remember, all calls are kept anonymous. Also, if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police. You can file an "incident report" this way the police will know to keep an eye out for that suspicious person or vehicle. Be safe together. We all have a responsibility toward the community that we live in. Remember that the HOA cannot assist you with such activities. You must contact the Pearland Police Department.

Next months issue will feature a deed violation count. I am doing this so that in the May issue we can repeat that same count and hopefully report a tremendous decrease in violations. This is the Shadow Creek Challenge! So get out there, edge, mow, kill those weeds, trim your bushes and get ready for a beautiful Shadow Creek Ranch Spring!

Take Care and Be Safe, Melanie Smith

# **Developers Corner**

Happy New Year from the Shadow Creek Ranch Development Team.

We're starting off this year with just shy of 4,000 families who call Shadow Creek Ranch home. This represents approximately two-thirds of the singlefamily homes in the community. In 2008, 451 new homes were sold and closed. Several exciting developments will be completed in 2009. The Broadway expansion project has been underway expanding Broadway to four lanes all the way to FM521. This project is expected to be complete in the second quarter of 2009. Also to be complete sometime in late 2009 is TxDOT's Hwy 288 Frontage Road Project. Both north and south frontage roads will be complete this year. As many of you may know, the new Krogers Market at Shadow Creek Parkway and Hwy 288 is now open. Additionally, many more shops and other businesses will open in this center during 2009.

We'd like to express to all of you how important it is to pay your HOA fees in a timely manner. When homeowners are delinquent in paying their dues it costs all of us more expense. The developer has had to make up the delinquent amount so that critical services would continue to be provided. This is in addition to dues the developer pays on all the unsold lots in the development.

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# **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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The Village of Emerald Bay has two open vacancies for Board positions. If you live in Emerald Bay and are interested in serving please be sure to fill out and return the Willingness to Serve Form that will come in the mail with the meeting notice. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 10th – location to be announced via mail. Board meetings are held one weekday every other month at 2:30pm. This is an excellent way to utilize your skills, experience and dedication toward serving your community. If you are interested, come to the meeting prepared to

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### **Developers Corner -** (Continued from Cover Page)

The developer is not willing to continue to make up any differences. The HOA needs to be self-sustaining or services will be lost and the development will not be maintained at the level to which you have all become accustomed.

Please be sure to pay your dues on time and encourage all your neighbors to do the same. This will help ensure the community is maintained at the best level now and in the future.

Each Association Board has adopted a strict enforcement policy in regards to collecting association assessments. Any homeowner who becomes delinquent will be charged interest and legal fees, additionally being subject to foreclosure of their home if delinquencies are not promptly cured.

The Shadow Creek Ranch project is expected to be completed in year 2014 subject to economic and market conditions. The current HOA assessment rates will be adjusted annually to meet expenses (delinquencies are part of that expense). It is expected that the current assessments will increase 5-10% per year depending on the annual cost increases in vendor services.

#### For additional information contact your on-site manager:

Melanie Smith
Shadow Creek Ranch Maintenance Association
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flowing dance of assisted yoga postures on the floor. Come and discover the joy of giving and receiving as you are guided through a healing and relaxing Thai Yoga session. Be prepared to unwind and enjoy yourself fully! Thai Yoga Workshop Sat Feb 28th from 1-4pm. To be added to the FREE monthly SCR yoga evite list, please call Kim at 713 436-9006 or email info@BodyBalanceTherapies.com

## **Shadow Creek Ranch Salsa Club**

(aka SCR Salseros)

#### Dear Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day!!! Would you like to learn how to dance Salsa? Think you have "two left feet" or no rhythm? Are you single and wanting to meet new people? Or are you looking for a fun, new activity for you and your significant other?

Join the Latin dance revolution and become part of SCR Salseros. We offer comprehensive, patient and humorous instruction in Latin dancing, so you can learn to dance and have a fabulous time! Our classes and socials are a great place to meet people from many different cultural backgrounds while dancing to the exciting rhythms of hot Salsa music.

We invite you to check out all we have to offer for the novice to the veteran Salsa dancer. No dancing experience or partners required. Please contact Christian Gutierrez via email at cgutierrez00@gmail. com (preferred) or via phone at 832-693-5842 for more information.

#### For your calendar (RSVP by email please)

Sunday, February 22nd, 2009; 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Salsa Social with new and existing SCRS members.

Friday, February 27th, 2009; 9:00pm to midnight. Taco Milagro (2555 Kirby Dr Houston, TX 77019) we will be hosting our monthly salsa outing. We meet near the Art work that says: "Salsa Bar" by the food serving area.

Hope to hear from you soon. Keep on dancing! Christian



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# Meet Rebecka

As we look forward to 2009, maybe we have kids graduating from high school, maybe we ourselves decided to go back to school, or maybe we are looking forward to a career change. Either way, we are looking forward to this year with optimism and hope – hope for health and happiness. Whatever



our goals are for the new year, the children in foster care remain in pretty much the same place, with the same goals. You see, the children were removed from their homes, from their families – not because of something they did, but something their parents did. Now, they live in a temporary foster care system wondering what the future holds. Foster care is a time for these children to heal, but it is not the end. It is supposed to be a temporary system until the children can move on to permanency, and permanency being the safe, stable and loving family that will be there for them forever.

Meet Rebecka. She has been in foster care a few years and has hopes. Her biggest hope is that someone will love her enough to claim her. Her other hopes include the person, or family, being patient enough for her to learn and grow, and catch up for all of the time missed. For some children, they need that one on one time, the time to be special, the time to feel the object of others attention.

Rebecka, 11, is an active, intelligent and engaging child, who needs direction, and assistance in staying focused. Rebecka likes to read, listen to country music, sing, attend church and play with friends. Rebecka is talented, intelligent and a gifted vocalist. She likes to play with kids her age. Rebecka however, at this time, requires supervision while with peers. She vies for attention. She is a young girl with a beautiful smile and a lot of potential. Although she may exhibit challenging behaviors, she will thrive with a committed family.

Rebecka would benefit from being adopted by parents who have strong parenting skills. Rebecka will need time to bond. She would benefit from a permanent placement with a loving, supportive and understanding family where she continue to grow and learn. Rebecka needs consistent care from parents who will promote her future success. If you would like to learn more about adoption from foster care, please contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at info@ adopttexas.org or 512-301-2825. If you are interested in learning more about Rebecka, contact Grace Lindren, LMSW, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter/Adoption Coalition of Texas

512-687-3209/fax 512-692-2540, gracelindgren@adopttexas.org. If you are interested, you can view a story with Rebecka on News 8 Austin Forever Families ~ just click the link: http://www.news8austin.com/content/living/forever\_families/?ArID=226023&SecID=428

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## **Progressive Dinner**

We get together a couple of times a year to enjoy food and conversation.

If you would like to be on the evite list please email angelicque@guzmanexpress.com

## **Ladies Lunch**

We meet once a month for lunch. If you would like to join please email angelicque@guzmanexpress.com to be put on the evite list.



## hadow Creek Ranch Bridge

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## **Shadow Creek Ranch Playgroups**

The SCR Playgroups is looking for a new coordinator. This is an excellent way to get to know a lot about your community and your neighbors. Please contact Tanisha Hall if you are interested or want to learn more about the opportunity. 832-566-6052 or tanisha.hall@gmail.com.



# **Teenage Job Seekers**

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### **Attention Teenagers**

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Shadow Creek Ranch teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to msmith@amitx.com by the 9th of the month!



# February is American Heart Month

Submitted by Karen Behrend

February is American Heart Month! Here are some facts and tips to help you keep your heart healthy and help prevent Heart Disease.

#### **COOL HEART FACTS:**

- o The heart beats 2.5 billion times in a lifetime (65 yrs) (if you take care of it, maybe more!)
- o It takes 23-24 seconds for a drop of blood to circulate through the entire body
- o Your body pumps 1 million barrels of blood in a lifetime!
- o Your body has 60,000 miles of blood vessels
- o Every day over 650 Americans have coronary bypass surgery.

#### **RISK FACTORS:**

### I. Unalterable Risk Factors you CAN NOT change:

- o Family History (father/brother had heart disease before age 55, or mother/sister before age 65).
- o Gender (men have a higher risk)
- o Age (Men over 45 and Women over 55 are at increase risk)

### II. Risk Factors you CAN alter:

- o High Blood Pressure (three readings at 140/90 in a month, see your doctor)
- o Smoking (#1 preventable cause of heart attacks in the US. Smokers have a 70% great risk than nonsmokers). Tough habit to break, but sooner or later you will quit!
- o Cholesterol (Blood cholesterol of 200 mg/dl is desirable, 239 mg/dl is borderline and 240 mg/dl+ is high) Know your numbers and get a complete breakdown of your total cholesterol, HDL, LDL and Triglycerides. Have your doctor explain the numbers to you!
- o Obesity (more than 30% of your desirable weight) Eating too much of the wrong foods can make you fat! Focus on 5 fruits or veggies a day for the next 20 days.
- o Physical Inactivity (Choose to move! 30-60 minutes 3-4 times a week!)

#### III. Other contributing Factors

- o Diabetes
- o Stress/Tension
- o Hormonal Factors
- o Alcohol

Primary Risk Factors have the strongest relationship to heart disease (family history, smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and physical inactivity), when two or more of these are present, the likelihood of heart disease greatly increases.

# 10 TIPS TO HELP DEVELOPHEALTHY HABITS AND PREVENT HEART DISEASE IN YOUR FAMILY

#### Take care of your heart and your children's hearts by:

- 1. Regular daily physical activity (walk, bike, hike together)
- 2. Participate in age-appropriate sports, lesson or clubs. Let kids try a variety and find what they like
- 3. Participate in household chores (the physical kind)
- 4. Follow a healthy diet; low in fat and high in complex carbohydrates. Be supportive. Focus on positive instead of negative. Praise for a job well done!
- 5. Don't reward kids with food...find other ways to celebrate!
- 6. Be supportive. Focus on positive instead of negative. Praise for a job well done!
- 7. Limit TV, video game and computer time... disconnect from it! 1-2 hours a day max!
- 8. Be a positive role model and practice what you preach
- 9. Set goals and limits. Daily activity, 1-2 desserts a week
- 10.Learn CPR. The next life you save may be someone you love!





Shadow Creek Ranch Social Club Contact List					
CLUB EVENT	SCHEDULE	CHAIRPERSON	<b>EMAIL</b>	CONTACT #	
Adult Soccer	Sat 9am, Sun 5pm, Tues//Thurs 6:30 pm	TBD	www.shadowcreeksoccer.org		
Book Club	First Thursday of every month	Stephanie Stignant	ss_jones@hotmail.com	281-722-9400	
Bridge Club	Second Friday of every month	Barbara Giddens	bfgiddens@hotmail.com	713-436-6314	
Bunko	1st & 2nd Tues, & 3rd Wed of every month	Melody Briggs	melody.briggs@airliquide.com	713-436-5120	
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50 Plus Club	TBA	Don Fragnoli	fragone@aol.com	713-436-8467	
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Ladies Night Out	Second Friday of every month	Irene Horn	ihorn@comcast.net	832-288-5574	
Lunch Club	Second Wednesday of every month	Angelicque Guzman	angguzman@comcast.net	832-433-7128	
Play Groups	More information at www.scrma.net	Tanisha Hall	tanisha.hall@gmail.com	832-566-6052	
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Salsa Dance Club	Once a Month	Christian Gutierrez	cgutierrez00@gmail.com	832-693-5842	
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Sewing Club	Thursdays	Angela Douglas	adouglas6841@yahoo.com	713-419-3335	
Social/Board Game Club	Third Saturday of every month	Sean Brady	sean@seanandmelissa.net	713-344-1798	
T-Ball Spring 2008	TBA by Chairperson	Maricela Ramirez	Maricela1ramirez@hotmail.com		
Tai Chi	Saturdays and Sundays 7 am	Kitty Wong	kitty_chucky@hotmail.com	713-436-8668	
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Tennis - Ladies	TBA	Linda Choong	lcgalaxy@gmail.com	832-607-3322	
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# **Crossword Puzzle** 10 12 13 15 20 21 26 28 30 29 32 31

#### ACROSS

- 1. Pear type
- 5. matter
- 9. Bridge support
- 10. Jarred
- 11. Hind
- 12. Civil authority
- 13. Make it yourself pizza brand
- 15. Hoopla
- 16. Monroe
- 18. Sieges
- 21. Bumbling insect
- 22. Crustacean
- 26. Birch-like tree
- 28. Note
- 29. Prick
- 30. Canal
- 31. Dr. Jekyll and Mr.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Hook part
- 2. Brand of sandwich cookie
- 3. Replace a striker
- 4. Color saturation
- 5. Expression of surprise
- 6. Faithful
- 7. Ill-natured
- 8. City in Ohio
- 10. Gives a conceited smile
- 14. Laces
- 17. Chemical compound
- 18. Embarrass
- 19. Cantankerous
- 20. Warm
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- 25. Bucks wives
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