

## **Encouraging Community Togetherness** Septembers Message From your On-Site Manager Melanie Smith

COMMUNITY: An assemblage of interacting populations occupying a given area. Joint possession, enjoyment. Sharing, participation, and fellowship.

COMMUNE: to converse or talk together, usually with profound intensity, intimacy.

Welcome to our Back to School Issue. I hope all of you had a wonderful, healthy and fabulously fun summer. Maybe it will cool off soon? The lazy hazy days of summer have ended and I'm sure you are all busy planning schedules and getting everyone adjusted to the beginning of homework, projects and extra-curricular activities. Take advantage of the sports programs that are offered in your own **community**. Soccer, tennis etc. Volunteer in your **community** to keep these programs flourishing and help them grow.

Congratulations to the Shadow Creek Ranch Swim team on completing its first season. Under the direction of resident Ted Kalivoda, the Shadow Creek Ranch Swim Team swam its first lap this summer. Here is a quote from an email from Ted, "The reaction from the **community** has been tremendous. Note that we had 42 swimmers...we only had 24 soccer players the first season in 2007. Now we have over 200 kids playing soccer. Expect over 100 kids to sign up for swimming next year...even more if we can get the fee down to \$70 or \$80. The line expense hit us hard and we appreciate the developer/board help with that." Congratulations again Ted and the rest of the Swim Team Board as well as the children who participated.

<u>TENNIS ANYONE?</u> Resident Chris Morehouse has volunteered to begin the SCR Tennis Club. I'm sure most of you tennis players are aware of who he is. Look for his postings at the courts for events and activities he will be implementing in the **community**. In addition to the Tennis Social Club, Chris also started the first Junior Tennis Camp and Adult Drills in Shadow Creek Ranch. Chris is the Head Pro for the only approved instructional tennis program designed exclusively for the Shadow Creek **community**. He is a certified member of the United States Professional Tennis Association as well as being a Certified Professional 1 tennis coach. This is the highest rating possible given by the USPTA. His assistant Richard Perreras is also a certified member of the USPTA and is a certified coach.

Chris has been working diligently with me to assist in making the reservation system not only more user friendly, but also more fair as we only have two courts serving the entire **community**. We will be changing the reservation rules in the near future so that all players will have the opportunity to utilize the courts. I welcome and request your feedback as we work to offer you more opportunities to exercise your love for the game.

<u>TENNIS IN THE FALL</u> – Look for upcoming after-school tennis classes for kids as well as the continuance of the adult drills facilitated by Chris and Richard and of course the brand new SCR Tennis Club events.

<u>GET FIT AND HEALTHY!!</u> – Also in this edition see the article announcing the partnership between the brand new fitness facility Dynamic Fitness and Shadow Creek Ranch. How about a FREE six week weight loss and healthy living program offered exclusively to the residents of SCR. Speaking of fit and healthy, I am looking for someone to assist the new leader of the Shadow Creek Ranch Fit for Life Club. Please email the Oakwood Terrace Section Representative Katrina Barnes at Katrina.Barnes1@gmail.com. Katrina has graciously volunteered her time not only to represent her section, but to also develop the Fit for Life Club. Katrina is a certified fitness instructor. Devote a little time to assisting in organizing **community** power walks, fitness in the park, healthy eating seminars etc. etc. And the folks at Dynamic have offered to assist in getting this ball rolling! Interested? Please contact Katrina.

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<u>ESL CLASSES</u> - will begin this fall at the Emerald Bay Clubhouse for SCR residents only. Classes will run twice per week for ten weeks and will be facilitated by resident Dana Yesland, ACC Program Coordinator of Foreign Languages at Alvin Community College. More info to come.

<u>SECTION REPRESENTATIVES</u> – Still seeking leaders for each section to enhance the sense of **community**, assist with reporting issues or concerns to your On-Site Staff, act as a liaison between your neighbors and your Board, organize **community** events etc. So far these are the sections that have a representative. Please be sure to contact them immediately and give them your email address so they can add you to their distribution list. You don't want to miss out on any **community** news.

#### Crystal Lake -Wanda Ferrel .....wanda.ferrel@sbcglobal.net Pinecrest -Troy Griggsby ...... Troygriggsby@yahoo.com **Rosewood Crossing -**Tracy Fletcher ......Tblanchardmoody@jw.com **Osprev** Pointe -Sue Roberts.....sueroberts123@gmail.com Sunset Shores -Matt Mickle......Mmickle@yahoo.com Oakwood Terrace -Katrina Barnes ......Katrina.barnes1@gmail.com **Reflection Pointe -**John Roberston...... jkrob75074@yahoo.com Brookglen -Geoffrey Pope ...... brookglenrep1@yahoo.com Silverleaf Glen -Elizabeth Christensen ......Silverleafglen@gmail.com The Strand -Chris Morehouse ...... Cmorehouse 12@yahoo.com Nicole Terrace -Angelicque Guzman.....angelicque@guzmanexpress.com If your section is not listed, that is because we do not yet have a volunteer.

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LAWN CARE – We cover this each month. The appearance of your lawn is a key aspect in maintaining the beauty, appeal and value of your **community**. We understand that it has been an unusually hot and dry summer however that does not excuse anyone from withholding water from their lawn. Many homeowners have received letters from us because their lawns are brown and dying. You must take immediate action to remedy this situation. Water early in the morning or late in the evening. Throw some seeds down to restore what needs to be restored. Mow your lawn and make sure it is edged. You can avoid financial penalties and fees simply by doing the following:

#### MOW AND EDGE WEEKLY – TRIM YOUR BUSHES – KEEP YOUR SHRUB BEDS AND LAWN FREE OF WEEDS

Signing Off and hoping you all enjoyed your summer. Wishing all of your children a very successful 2009-2010 academic year. Remember, be kind to your neighbor. Sometimes we are in situations that make it difficult to get out and tend to our lawns. Perhaps you have a neighbor that is not caring for their lawn. Be neighborly – see if there is something you can do to assist them. Every community has residents who may have financial or health issues that prevent them from pulling up the weeds, paying a landscaper every week etc. There is nothing wrong with reverting back to the "Little House" days when a neighbor was a friend. You never know when one simple act of kindness will make a huge difference. Open your door, say hello, strike up a conversation. You may be pleasantly surprised!

Remember the meaning of **community** - Sharing, participation, and fellowship.

Take Care Melanie Smith

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### Shadow Creek Ranch Launches New Web Site



As many of you have already discovered, Shadow Creek Ranch launched its new web site this year at www.shadowcreekranch. net. This state-of-the-art web site utilizes all of the latest technologies to present the community to home shoppers. As homeowners in Shadow Creek Ranch there are many features of interest to you as well.

As you might have seen on the Shadow Creek billboards this is a web site that talks back. At shadowcreekranch.net, you don't just click, you chat. Have a question? Start a live chat with one of our home-buying experts. Back and forth, you ask and we answer. The agents at the Shadow Creek Ranch Visitor Center staff our chat line and can answer many questions about Shadow Creek Ranch. Or they can direct you to the HOA for questions they can't answer.

Plus, our web site has a host of interactive features, where you can explore all the extras of Shadow Creek Ranch for yourself – and see why it's one of Houston's most successful communities. Our "concierge" greets you at each main section to tell you what you'll find out about Shadow Creek in regards to Community, Recreation, Location and Homes. Our interactive site plan, photo galleries, virtual tour and video present the natural beauty

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# Back to School ESSENTIALS



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of our lakes and trails, our recreation centers with water parks and sports facilities and our nearby shopping, such as Pearland Town Center with Macy's, Dillard's and more. There is even an Interactive Area Map with nearby areas of interest.

Interested in buying land or leasing space? Or just interested in what is going on with commercial and retail development in Shadow Creek Ranch? Then check out the Commercial Opportunities section of the web site with the Interactive Commercial Map.

Are you planning to move to a bigger home in Shadow Creek? Or do you have a friend or family member interested in buying a home? Visit our Homes section for information on our builders and their offerings as well as our Inventory page with a search feature that helps you find homes under construction that fit your criteria. Plus you can even click to view exactly where each inventory home is located.

If English isn't your first language, don't worry! There is a Spanish language version of the web site with all the audio and text and image text all translated to Spanish. Or if you prefer a different language there is a Google Translate gadget on the home page that allows you to choose from over 30 other languages from all over the world.

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## 30 Days of Helping

Local private pre-school, Bright Learners Academy, is spearheading a drive to raise funds for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Bright Learners Academy has initiated the "30 Days of Helping" fundraising campaign. In an effort to teach children the importance of giving to those less fortunate than they, BLA's students are beginning a campaign where they do chores to help their families, neighbors, and community, and raise donations for the benefit of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Bright Learners Academy has brought not only their students, but the students from Alvin ISD's Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary, Mary Marek Elementary, and Nolan Ryan Junior High schools into the campaign. The hope is that the students will learn the feeling of satisfaction derived from helping others.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-ofkind international health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no financial obligation to patients or families.

Due to the downturn of the economy, donations to this wonderful organization have slowed although the need for their services has not. BLA wants their students to learn the importance of helping others, as well as how it feels to work to the benefit of others and begin a lifelong habit of giving of one's self. *"30 Days of Helping"* will walk students through this introduction, and start our students down the road to being contributing community members.

The program will wrap up with a concert at the end of the campaign featuring the Disney Dance Crew at the Nolan Ryan Junior High School Gymnasium for the volunteers. Tickets may be earned through chores performed and may also be purchased at a cost of \$25.00 to benefit Shriners Hospital.

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#### Men's League Submitted by Chris Morehouse

The SCR Tennis Club Men's League is sad to announce the passing of **Robert Arandia**. A gifted player, Robert represented his native Philippines' in international play as a member of the Davis Cup team. His life and contribution to tennis here In Shadow Creek Ranch will be celebrated by a men's doubles tournament Sunday Aug 23. A suggested \$10 donation per player will be applied towards balls, trophies, a bar-b-que lunch and a remembrance for family members planning to attend.

## Go Green Day

Saturday September 26, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Emerald Bay Recreation Center, 11814 North Clear Lake Loop.

Keep Pearland Beautiful will be distributing recycling bins for the citizens of Shadow Creek Ranch. KPB has made arrangements with Waste Management to have curbside recycling bins available at the center for that day only for any residents who are unable to pick up a bin at City Hall during regular business hours. Residents will be required to show a city of Pearland water bill and to one bin per family. The bins are intended for citizens that have never received a bin; residents may purchase a second or "overflow" bin for \$8. In addition, Keep Pearland Beautiful staff and volunteers will be on hand with information about recycling, events and programs offered by the City of Pearland. For more information call KPB at 281-652-1659 or email cowles@keeppearlandbeautiful.org .

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## **Community Sections**

### **Reflection Pointe**

#### Greetings to Everyone:

My name is John Robertson, I am happy to announce that I am the new Section Representative for the Reflection Point Community. I have a wonderful wife (Pamela) and daughter (Jordyn). Perhaps you've seen me and my daughter we are always walking along the various lakes throughout Shadow Creek Ranch.

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Brad Dunn on being newlyweds and to officially welcome his new wife Megan to the Reflection Point Community. We would also like to welcome two of our newest little neighbors to the Reflection Point Community: Audrie Hinton daughter of Leslie and Wes Hinton and Cooper Young son of Nathan and Cherie Young.

I look forward to meeting all of the neighbors in particularly at National Meet Your Neighbor Night Out on Tuesday October 6, 2009. At that time I will personally introduce myself and share any issues or events that affect the Reflection Point Community. Should you have any questions or concerns before then I can be reached via e-mail at jkrob75074@ yahoo.com.

### Rosewood Crossing

#### Hello Neighbors,

My name is Tracy Blanchard-Moody and I'm a resident of Rosewood Crossing. My husband, daughter and soon to be baby boy, moved here in 2007 and we absolutely love it! After speaking with Melanie Smith, I agreed to become the Section Rep for Rosewood Crossing.....in my opinion one of the best sections in Shadow Creek Ranch.

It's Back To School already!!!! In just a few short weeks, our children will be heading back to school. No matter what grade your child is entering, we all deal with the same issues: making sure their up on time, making breakfast, driving to bus stops etc. Let's prepare now to make our child's/children's first week of school a success. Lots of hugs, patience and smiles will make their day better than we think.

I will send information over the next couple of months regarding a fall garage sale!! Please send me any information that you'd like included in our upcoming Newsletter. Also, please feel free to email me any suggestions, complaints etc. that you may have and I will make sure our HOA is notified. I look forward to meeting you all. My email address is tblanchardmoody@jw.com.

## Silverleaf Glen

#### Hello Neighbors'!

I know a lot of you already, but am looking forward to meeting more of you as I will be the new Section Leader for Silver Leaf Glen. My job is to keep up communications between our neighborhood and the HOA and act as a liaison to continue making this section a great place to live.

Unfortunately, I am unaware of any new arrivals or celebrations in the neighborhood of late. Although I am aware of a few break ins in the section. A neighbor's house was broken into and I had my GPS stolen out of my vehicle in June, which was parked in the driveway. They didn't take any CD's which puzzled me, but then my husband reminded me that no one listens to CD's anymore! So, a reminder to make sure you think safe and keep things locked up.

I have set up an email account just for our section, silverleafglen@gmail.com, so we can easily keep in touch with one another and you can contact me with announcements, news, questions or concerns. I will be doing my best to put together a names and numbers list for the neighborhood. Look forward to meeting you all, Elizabeth

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### The Strand

#### Hi folks,

My name is Chris Morehouse and I'm a new Sectional Representative for an Emerald Bay neighborhood. With my wife, Diana and various four legged friends, I'm the senior (5+ years) resident of "The Strand".

I grew up in a time when neighbors knew one another well. These are different times, but I still think it would be nice to know each other some.

The national meet you neighbor planned for Oct. 6 might be a good time to say hello to some nice people. Expect to be pleasantly surprised.

Meanwhile, please send me your email addresses to go with your mailing address and some family info so I can develop a data base of my community. I've been assured that's a more effective information transferring medium than "The Pony Express". We'll see!

Stay cool, end of summer in sight. Got electricity bills!?!?

#### Chris M

PS-I have wonderful rescue cats that need homes. Anyone know anyone looking? Please check with your neighbors. That's what they're for.

### **Osprey** Pointe

#### Greetings Osprey Neighbors!

Save the date for National Night Out on October 6th. As we have done in the past, we will gather at the end of Shore Creek Drive, block off the cul-de-sac and let the kids run wild! Hopefully we can arrange another visit from area law enforcement and the Pearland fire department--I know everyone enjoyed checking out their vehicles last year. Watch for e-mails next month with more information.

Big news in our section includes a new school and a new baby! Let's all congratulate Lori and Tom Ferazzi on the opening of The Horizon School. The Horizon School is an academic-based school for students with Down syndrome and similar developmental delays located in Friendswood. See the school website for more information: www.thehorizonschooltx.com.

Also, earlier this summer Chad and Melody Briggs welcomed a new baby girl, Kenzie, to join proud siblings Hailey, Hunter, and Cutter. As the Opsrey Pointe section representative, please let me know about exciting news we can share, including births, weddings, new neighbors, etc. You can reach me at sueroberts123@gmail.com.

#### Sue Roberts

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### Do You Have Reason to Celebrate?

We want to hear from you! Email msmith@amitx. com to let the community know!

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#### Oakwood Terrace

#### Hello Neighbors,

My name is Katrina Barnes and I am excited to announce that I will be *Oakwood Terrace New Section Representative for Shadow Creek Ranch*!

#### A little about me:

I am a Licensed Texas Real Estate Broker/ REALTOR®. I am the Broker/Owner of Barnes Realty and Associates. I have two wonderful children by the name of Cameron (son), and Victoria (daughter). I have a wonderful husband by the name of Victor Barnes. I am honored to take on the privilege of being your Representative and voice for our section. With my extensive background and knowledge in real estate, I feel that I can truly be an asset to you all in the community. We will host a Meet & Greet for all of our neighbors in Oakwood Terrace on September 17, 2009. Place: Village of Emerald Bay Club House

#### Time: 7pm-9pm

There we will be able to have an open house to meet our neighbors and discuss at few topics. Two of the topics on our agenda will be, coordinating the Pearland, Texas- National Out Night and Yard of the Month. It is my hope that we will be able to get most of our neighbors out to the Meet & Greet. We will have a Pot Luck! Please bring your favorite dessert or dish. Please email your names and contact information to: katrina.barnes1@ gmail.com or call me at 281-658-5022. I am also looking for an Assistant Section Representative, so please contact me if you are interested.

#### Regards,

Katrina Barnes.

### Pinecrest

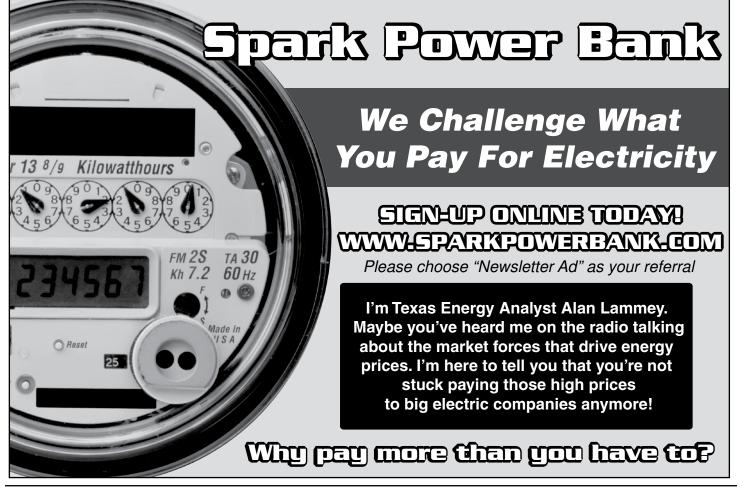
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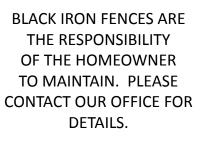
My name is Troy Griggsby and I'm the section representative for Pinecrest. Although I have met quite a few Pinecrest residents, I'd like to meet as many of you as possible to help enhance our community and foster communication amongst ourselves and with our HOA. My wife, Joy, and I have two wonderful kids, Aidan and Lily, and we've been residents here since October 2005.

This year, Texas will celebrate National Night Out on October 6. This is a perfect time to come outside, stroll through the neighborhood and get acquainted with each other. I look forward to meeting you then!

In the meantime, please contact me at troygriggsby@yahoo.com as I hope to begin building a distribution list for Pinecrestrelated information, announcements and other community events that may be of interest.

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### **Street Lights Out?**

REPORT THE 6 DIGITS ON THE POLE TO WWW.CENTERPOINT.COM **Community Sections** - (Continued from Page 11)

Brookglen

#### Greetings to Everyone:

My name is Geoffrey Pope and I'm happy to announce that I am the Section Representative for the Brookglen Community.

As this is a new position with its function description somewhat flexible, I'm looking for some guidance on how you expect me to proceed. Initial thoughts are as follows-

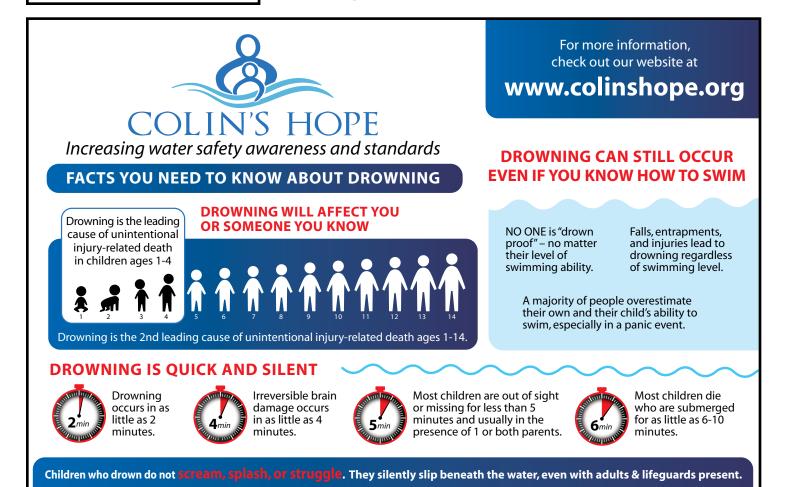
- Explore having Monthly/bi-monthly meetings so we can visit and better know our neighbors; discuss local issues of general concern, etc.
- Meetings can be educational opportunities e.g. visits from the local fire department to give advice on fire safety; the local police force to advise on home/personal safety issues; city council members for updates on what is happening at this end of Pearland, etc.
- Clearing house for passing along general concerns/news to the HOA.
- Personal announcements to inform neighbors of events in their lives that they want to share.

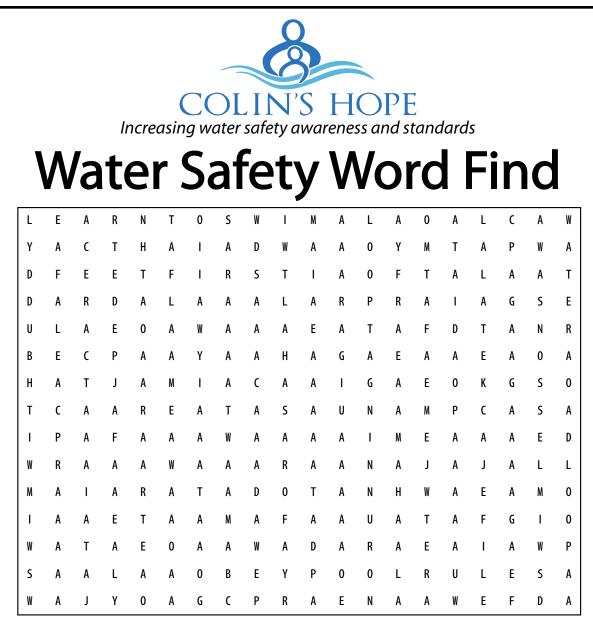
I look forward to meeting and hearing all of you in particular at the National Meet Your Neighbor Night Out on Tuesday October 6, 2009. At that time I will personally introduce myself and share any issues or events that affect the Brookglen Community.

Meanwhile, should you have any questions or concerns before then I can be reached via e-mail at brookglenrep1@yahoo.com or just send me your email address with street address so I can start keeping you informed on what is happening locally.

#### Regards,

Geoffrey Pope





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### Alvin ISD at a Glance ...

#### ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Alvin ISD is an accredited district with a Recognized rating from the Texas Education Agency. Nine of the schools are rated Exemplary and ten are rated Recognized.

#### <u>GROWTH</u>

Since 1999 the district has experienced a 33% growth in student population. Over the last five years, property values have increased from a little over \$1 billion to almost \$5 billion.

#### DISTRICT SIZE

Alvin ISD covers 250 square miles in



Brazoria County and serves the communities of Alvin, Manvel, Iowa Colony, Liverpool, Amsterdam, and parts of Rosharon, Arcola, and Pearland.

#### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Approximately 16,000 students make Alvin ISD the second largest school district in Brazoria County.

#### **FINANCES**

The budget for 2009-2010 is \$126,314,682.

#### TAX RATE

The proposed 2009 tax rate is \$1.304 per \$100 assessed market value, which is 2.4 cents less than the 2008 rate of \$1.328.

#### **CAMPUSES**

The district has two high schools, one academic alternative campus, five junior high schools and thirteen elementary schools. Four of the campuses are located west of the Highway 288 corridor in the Pearland ETJ. A future school site is located on FM 518 west of the Pearland Town Center.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

Alvin ISD employs approximately 2,000 people dedicated to the district's educational mission. Over half of these employees work directly with students on a daily basis. About 20% of the districts' teachers hold advanced degrees.

#### TEACHER SALARIES

A beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree earns \$45,000 and a beginning teacher with a master's degree earns \$46,000. Alvin ISD provides a comprehensive benefits package, part of which is paid by the district.

#### ETHNIC COMPOSITION

The district's ethnic composition is 40% White, 41% Hispanic, 12% African American, 6% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 1% other.



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## **Alvin ISD Schools Recognized AGAIN !**

Alvin ISD has reason to celebrate as the district has again received a Recognized rating for academic performance from the Texas Education Agency. All of the schools located in Shadow Creek Ranch received the higher ratings including an Exemplary rating for Mary Marek Elementary, a Recognized rating for Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary and the first ever Recognized rating for Nolan Ryan Jr. High. Manvel High School also received a Recognized rating.

Deborah Roberson, principal of Nolan Ryan Jr. High said, "I am proud of the students and staff at Nolan Ryan Junior High School! We are pleased to be a Recognized campus and want the community to know we appreciate their support of the academic and extra-curricular activities of all our students. It was a busy year for students and staff as we opened the school in August, survived a hurricane in September, and continued our quest for excellence as the year progressed. And yes, having one of our students compete in the National Spelling Bee in May was exciting! We're looking forward to another great year of success!"

Dr. Robby McGowen, superintendent of schools said, "Our students, our teachers, our staff and our parents have worked very hard to make Alvin ISD one of the most successful school districts in Brazoria County. I am extremely proud of the results of their hard work and look forward to this school year being equally as successful. As we celebrate our success, we're also raising our expectations for our schools and our students, and continuing our commitment to prepare every student to be college or career ready when they graduate."

Marek students and staff are proud of their Exemplary rating because 90 percent or better of the all of the students passed in all TAKS subjects. The Recognized schools, Wilder Elementary, Nolan Ryan Jr. High and Manvel High School, all met the performance standard of 75 percent or higher on TAKS tests for each subject and student group.



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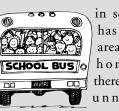
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You can contact Lt. J Caballero 281-652-1132 to let him know of any issues regarding the school zones

## **Construction Update**

Thanks to brisk construction activity and even with a delay due to Hurricane Ike, the last of the 2003 and 2005 bond program projects are soon to be completed. Over the last five years, six new schools and facilities have been completed, including Manvel High School, Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary, Savannah Lakes Elementary, Fairview Junior High, Nolan Ryan Junior High, and the Safety and Technology Center.

In addition, the Charles E. McCauley Building and other improvements including new walkways, walkway covers, emergency access, and drainage improvements have been completed at Alvin High School. Renovations were also done that preserve, upgrade, and update Alvin ISD Memorial Stadium and Marguerite Edwards Auditorium.

Projects at all of the schools, including parking lot improvements, HVAC upgrades, classroom and restroom additions, safety improvements, and more have been completed and functioning.

Phase II at Manvel High School completes the original master plan for the school and includes additions to increase the student capacity to 2,500 with an additional 58 classrooms and an auditorium. Also included is a beautiful state-of-the-art auditorium that seats 900 people.

Over a six year period of time, these projects, provided through successful bond elections approved by the voters, have added over 6,100 new classroom seats to the district's capacity to meet the needs of a continually growing student population.

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## Message from Dr. Robby McGowen,

In my message to you last year, I asked you to join our Alvin ISD Board of Trustees and staff members in making the 2008-2009 school year the best ever for the children, parents and educators of our district. I'm proud to tell you that you were successful! As we ready ourselves for a new school year, we are also celebrating the great accomplishments of the previous year.

Alvin ISD will once again receive **Recognized** status from the state for the academic performance of our students. Furthermore, we have doubled the number of **Exemplary** campuses in our district and have earned Recognized or Exemplary ratings for campuses at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. It is obvious that our students, teachers, staff and parents have worked very hard to make Alvin ISD one of the most successful school districts in Brazoria County and in the Greater Houston Area.

As we celebrate past accomplishments, we are also raising our expectations for our schools and students. We have made a commitment to preparing every child for success after high school. Alvin ISD students will be college and career ready when they walk across the stage and receive diplomas from Alvin High School, Manvel High School and ASSETS Academy. Along with academic excellence, we also strive for student success in areas that help develop the whole child. The past year saw many Alvin ISD students involved in state athletic playoffs, spelling bee championships, artistic recognition and community service. We will continue to measure success in Alvin ISD academically, athletically, artistically and developmentally.

Just as our goals for student excellence grow, our district continues to grow in the number of families who choose to make the communities of Alvin, Manvel and Pearland home. While the sagging economy has slowed growth in some areas of the state and nation, Alvin ISD is still one of the fastest growing school districts in the Houston area. We are continuing our practice of proactively planning for this growth. A group of community members is working with the staff and the school board to develop a plan that will provide quality facilities for our student, while maintaining conservative financial impact upon our taxpayers.

A great gift of working with children in our school district is the "birth" of a new school year. I am excited as we prepare to welcome students back to school on Monday, August 25th. Please join me in wishing the boys and girls of our district a safe, enjoyable and successful 2009-2010.



#### Nicholas Prakash Mathew Born 07/08/09 at 5:53pm 7lbs 8oz, 22 inches *Proud Parents*: Deepak & Shirley Mathew

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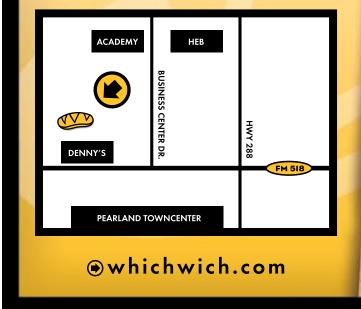
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