

# THE Current

## SHADOW CREEK RANCH

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## GREETINGS SHADOW CREEK RANCH

Welcome back Fall! Its finally cooling off and we've got some rain so hopefully the lawns will begin to green up again and grow. In this issue you will find a great deal of information regarding school happenings. Be sure to educate yourself on the bond issue – details are enclosed.

Some of the Section Reps have been quite busy trying to obtain contact information/ email addresses from residents in your section. Please be sure to email your section representative and provide him/her with your info so that you won't miss out on any pertinent info. If you do not see a representative listed for your section that means that no one has volunteered yet.

**CLUBHOUSE** – Here's the 411 on the clubhouse. It is located at 11814 N. Clear Lake Loop by the Emerald Bay pool and tennis courts. The clubhouse is available to rent. It can hold up to 45-50 people but that only depends on your set up. If you are interested in renting it you must make an appointment to see it as it does remain locked. The clubhouse was recently painted and new decorative touches were added. It features a refrigerator, stove, microwave oven, sink, coffee pot, male and female handi-accessible restrooms, one sofa, one loveseat, and chairs. There are 12 folding chairs and approximately 8 high back chairs. If you are interested in renting it please call the On Site office for details.

**DUCKS** - I received a phone call today that a few of the ducks came into an unfortunate situation with a vehicle. We are going to begin posting duck crossing signs in heavily populated areas. If you can help us by letting us know of a heavily populated duck crossing area near you we would greatly appreciate it. Please drive carefully when passing the lakes.

**SIDEWALKS** – Many of you may have noticed the repairs being done to the sidewalks around SCR. Please be patient as this is not going to be an overnight fix. We have a list of all areas in need of repair and the crews are getting to them all as fast as they can.

**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS** – If you haven't already – stock up. Keep important items on hand such as flashlights, batteries, wind up radios, water, canned goods, can opener and first aid supplies. Don't wait until the last minute to gather your necessary items. If you have or know of an elderly or physically challenged person living nearby please be neighborly and assist them as well. Let's not take for granted our own mobility and resources.

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On June 29th I was honored to be sworn in as your City Councilman. Pearland is an amazing city and I look forward to being a part of its future. In order to be an effective Councilman, I have put several things in place to ensure that you receive important information and always have a way to communicate with me.

First, my campaign website, [www.shermanforpearland.com](http://www.shermanforpearland.com) has been transitioned into a site to provide you with information about the city and to allow me to hear your concerns, ideas and feedback on the issues that face our city.

Second, if you are on Facebook, I invite you to become a fan of my new page, "Councilman Scott Sherman". The Facebook page is updated frequently to provide information about City Council meetings, upcoming events and it is an excellent way to instantly provide me with your thoughts or concerns.

Third, I am excited to announce that this column will continue in future editions of The Current. My goal is to use this column to focus on issues specific to Shadow Creek Ranch while also

discussing citywide matters. Toward that end, if there is an issue that you would like me to discuss in this newsletter please let me know.

The City Council and Mayor work for you and you can always contact me, the mayor or any other council members by email at [council@ci.pearland.tx.us](mailto:council@ci.pearland.tx.us). You can contact me directly at [sherman.scottj@gmail.com](mailto:sherman.scottj@gmail.com). Information about the City can also be obtained on our website at [www.cityofpearland.com](http://www.cityofpearland.com). In addition, I invite you to attend the City Council meetings which unless otherwise rescheduled, meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Lastly, if you have neighborhood events or other functions that you would like me to attend or take part in please contact me.

I am grateful for your support and I look forward to serving as your voice at the Council table.

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## Pearland Events

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**Saturday, October 31, 2009 – 5:30-8:00pm – Independence Park**  
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Date: October 10, 2009 – Fee: FREE – Location: Shadow Creek Ranch Nature Park – Age: all ages – Day/Time: Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Please Pre-Register on [www.pearlandparks.com](http://www.pearlandparks.com) or by calling 281-652-1673

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### WEST PEARLAND BRANCH LOCATION:

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Monday, Oct. 19 – Friday, Oct. 23 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26 – Wednesday, Oct. 28 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29 – Friday, Oct. 30 – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### ADDITIONAL EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS:

Marek Elementary, 1947 Kirby, Pearland – Tuesday, Oct. 20 – 5-8 p.m.

Manvel HS Volleyball Game, 19601 Hwy. 6, Manvel –

Tues., Oct. 20 – 5-8 p.m.

Wilder Elementary, 2225 Kingsley Dr., Pearland –

Thurs., Oct. 22 – 5-7 p.m.

Jeter Elementary, 2455 CR 58, Rosharon –

Thurs., Oct. 22 – 5-7 p.m.

Alvin High School Football Game, 802 S. Johnson, Alvin –

Fri., Oct. 23 – 6-9 p.m.

Ryan Junior High, 2234 Shadow Creek Pkwy., Pearland –

Mon., Oct. 26 – 5-7 p.m.

Transportation Center, 2780 W. Hwy. 6, Alvin –

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## Alvin ISD Bond Election Facts and Figures



Trustees unanimously called a \$70,095,000 school bond election for November 3, 2009.

Contents of the school bond package were recommended by a 40-member Facility Advisory Committee consisting of parents, local citizens, and school staff. The committee met for nearly six months to study the needs of the school district. The final recommendation addresses areas of growth, aging facilities, evolving programs, safety, transportation and technology.

### GROWTH

- Build one new 800-student elementary to prevent overcrowding at Marek and Wilder
- Replace Mark Twain Primary
- Purchase land and design for Elementary 15

- Build a new 1000-student junior high to prevent overcrowding at Nolan Ryan Jr. High

- Land and design for High School #3

### TECHNOLOGY

- Purchase LCD projectors and document cameras for all core classes district wide
- Upgrade technology infrastructure district wide
- Purchase mini laptops in order to maintain current 1-to-1 student to computer program at junior high level 7th grade

### TRANSPORTATION

- Purchase new buses

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## Alvin ISD Bond Election- (Continued from Page 6)

### SAFETY

- Replace seating at Nolan Ryan Baseball Field at Alvin High School
- Install additional intrusion alarms, cameras and access hardware at campuses
- Replace lights and electrical panels at Memorial Stadium

### AGING FACILITIES & EVOLVING PROGRAMS

- Renovate classrooms for a six campuses to accommodate special needs students
- Upgrade and expand agricultural science facility and program
- Renovate/upgrade campus structural, mechanical and electrical systems
- Renovate/upgrade school cafeterias
- Replace roof at Alvin Primary and E.C. Mason
- Add parking at Alvin Elementary, Hood-Case and Walt Disney
- Extend awning at Don Jeter
- Add 6th grade science lab at Alvin Jr. High, Harby Jr. High and Manvel Jr. High
- Renovate student restrooms at Stevenson and Harby Jr. High

More detailed Information about what is included in the bond package, tax impact and voting information is available on the district's website at [www.alvinisd.net](http://www.alvinisd.net).

## Marek Elementary News and Events

October 2 - School picture day. Students may dress up for the pictures.

October 6, 6:30pm - Technology Night for 4th and 5th grade students and parents

October 14 - 5:30am-7:00pm - Fundraiser for LEGO Robotics at Fruhstucks. Pick up your form at the school office, bring it to Fruhstucks (11601 Shadowcreek Parkway) and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Marek LEGO Robotics program!

October 20, 6-7:30 - Open House. This year Marek will host a traditional Open House night in honor of our students. The halls and classrooms will be filled with exemplary work from all of our children. Community members, neighbors, parents, and guests, please come see what wonderful things our students have been doing. The evening will begin with a special presentation regarding our upcoming bond election.

October 26 - TAKS Conferences / Open House

October 29 6:30pm - 1st grade Fall Program

October 31 10-2pm - Fall Carnival

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show, Concert, Kid Zone

October 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Binita Mandal, MD



Kurt Peters, MD, FAAAAI

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## Nolan Ryan Junior High School

*Dear NRJH Longhorns and Parents/Guardians,*


Welcome to Longhorn Country! We are excited about the 2009-2010 school year and look forward to another history making year of academic and extracurricular achievements. Our first year as a new school was filled with anticipation of opening a new school, surviving Hurricane Ike and continuing our quest for excellence as the year progressed. Our Longhorn sports teams won seven district championships last year. The UIL Academic team won the Alvin ISD Academic Competition and they placed second in the District UIL Academic Competition. The Longhorn Band earned a Sweepstakes Trophy at the UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest and produced several outstanding concerts. The Longhorn Choir produced several excellent concerts including their first Pop Music Concert. Drama Club members attended several Drama Festivals last year winning numerous metals for their efforts. Science students participated in a successful Science Fair Competition and Shakespeare Day for a group of eighth grade students was phenomenal.

Our many successes continued with one of our seventh grade students being ranked number 15 in the Junior Golf Association and a sixth grade student winning the state piano competition for the

second year in a row. We had an eighth grade student, who is a gifted pianist and composer, perform at Shakespeare Day. A seventh grade student, Aditya Chempudupaty, represented Nolan Ryan Junior High School, Alvin Independent School District, and the Houston area very well at the 2009 National Spelling Bee Competition in Washington D. C. His final ranking was 11 out of 293 competitors! In fact, the City of Houston and Mayor Bill White honored Aditya with a Proclamation declaring August 25, 2009 as the official Aditya Chempudupaty Day!

Yes, we are proud, Longhorn proud, of all our students. As principal, I am pleased to announce that Nolan Ryan Junior High School is a state Recognized campus and achieved Adequate Yearly Progress under the No Child Left Behind Act. We want the community to know we appreciate their support of all our academic and extracurricular activities. We look forward to the 2009-2010 school year and intend to set the standard as we follow our school motto: "Longhorns Are Respectful, Responsible, and Caring At Home, At School, And in the Community." Go Longhorns!

*Best Regards, NRJH Principal Deborah Roberson, Alvin Independent School District*



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## COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS

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My name is Chalmette Ray, and I am the new **section representative** for all residents residing in Meadow Trails West. I am here to relay your questions and concerns to the HOA and vice versa. I am extremely excited to help ensure that our community remains aesthetically pleasing while functioning to suit all of our families' needs. During the month of September, I will be making a conscious effort to meet and greet each and every one of you personally. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions and concerns at [crayatbiscaynebay@gmail.com](mailto:crayatbiscaynebay@gmail.com)

*Hello Neighbors,*

I am very honored to have the privilege of being your Section Representative. Please email me with any concerns or questions regarding our section.

#### **FYI:**

- National Neighbor Night Out will be held October 6, 2009 on Tidenhaven Court between 6-8pm for our section. Please be sure to bring your grills and coolers. You will have a chance to network, mingle, and mix with your neighbors. Come out and join us for fun and tips on how to keep our neighborhood safe!
- I am looking for another Assistant Section Representative that is willing to publish there contact information in the SCR Newsletter and one that will help me out with calls and emails. Please email me at [katrina.barnes1@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.barnes1@gmail.com) or call me at 281-658-5022, if

### OAKWOOD TERRACE

you are interested.

- A special thanks to **Barnes Realty and Associates** for sponsoring our Yard of the Month Sign. The Assistant Section Representatives and I will be coming around in October to judge the Yard of the Month for November 2009. So make sure to give your yard the best makeover possible!! Your yard could be the Next Top Yard of the Month!
- If you are interested in putting an article in our Section Newsletter then email me at [katrina.barnes1@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.barnes1@gmail.com). From recipes to networking, your articles are welcomed. Please submit short articles no later than October 15, 2009 by 5pm.  
Until next time, be safe and have a great month!

*Regards, Katrina Barnes*

*Oakwood Terrace Section Representative*

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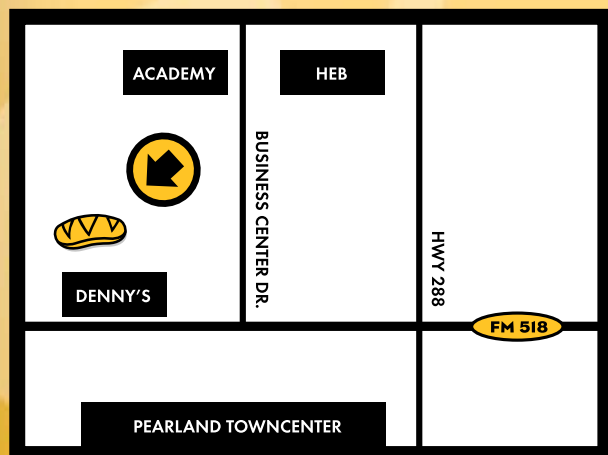
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Section News - (Continued from Page 9)

## OPSPREY POINT

Happy Fall Osprey neighbors! We are almost there--cool weather is on the horizon. Soon we can all get outside, take a walk and visit without buring up! Remember to 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 enjoy some food and drinks. We will arrange another visit from area law enforcement and the Pearland fire department. Watch for e-mails for more information.

I am your Opsrey Pointe section representative, so please let me know about exciting news we can share, including births, weddings, new neighbors, etc. You can reach me at [sueroberts123@gmail.com](mailto:sueroberts123@gmail.com).

*Sue Roberts*

## Community Section Representatives

*Please Contact Your Section Representative and Provide Them With Your Name and Email Address.*

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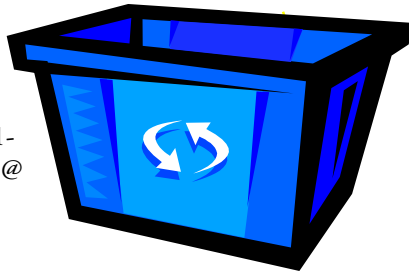




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*Saturday September 26, 2009 from 9 a.m.  
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Keep Pearland Beautiful will be distributing recycling bins for the citizens of Shadow Creek Ranch. KPB has made arrangements with Waste Management to have 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 are limited 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](mailto:cowles@keeppearlandbeautiful.org).



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## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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Volleyball has begun! We meet every Friday at 6pm at Half Moon Bay Rec Center.

### SPRING/SUMMER/FALL SAND VOLLEYBALL

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**WHEN:** Every Fri at 6PM (weather permitting)

**WHO:** Anyone 14 and up (as long as you can get the ball over the net)

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*Email me at [davidsayroo@yahoo.com](mailto:davidsayroo@yahoo.com)*

### BRIDGE

Calling all bridge players. Come out for an evening of bridge and fellowship with your neighbors here in Shadow Creek Ranch. All levels are welcome. If you haven't played in a while, or would like to know more about the game, this is a great way to get back into the game.

We play every second Friday of the month 7PM. For directions and more information call BARB at 713-436-6314 or e-mail [bfgiddens@hotmail.com](mailto:bfgiddens@hotmail.com).

### BUNCO

Like to play bunco or never played before but want to learn and are able to play in the evenings. If so we have several groups that need subs email [angelicque@guzmanexpress.com](mailto:angelicque@guzmanexpress.com) and you will be added to the list. Remember being a sub is great you can play when it fits your schedule and get to play in all groups.



### CRICKET

Arguably Britain's best gift to the world of sport is now in Shadow Creek. The Pearlland Hawks - a new cricket club was formed in February '09 by a group of residents at Shadow Creek with a shared passion for the sport. In a short span

of a few months, the club has now grown to 25 active members. The group has mandatory weekly practices and weekend games, and has now started participating in local competitive leagues as well. Membership is open to all Shadow Creek residents with a genuine passion and enthusiasm for the "gentleman's sport" - and anyone interested can send in a request via email to [pearlandhawks@yahoo.com](mailto:pearlandhawks@yahoo.com).

### FITNESS CLUB

Are you ready to get fit for life? If so, then please join us at the Emerald Bay Clubhouse for a brisk walk in the neighborhood. Please bring a towel and plenty of water. We will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday October 14, 2009. I am still looking for an assistant, so if you are interested then please email me at [katrina.barnes1@gmail.com](mailto:katrina.barnes1@gmail.com). Please contact me if you are interested in joining this FREE club for the entire family. A special thanks to **Dynamic Fitness** and **Barnes Realty and Associates** for sponsoring our SCR Fit for Life Club. We are going to get a representative from **Dynamic Fitness** to provide us with a **FREE Boot Camp** in the month of November. So please email me if you are interested in joining. It makes a difference when you have people that care about you and your health!

Lets get healthier and fit for a better you!

*Regards, Katrina Barnes*

*SCR Fit for Life Club*

### LADIES LUNCH CLUB

Do you like to go out to lunch and visit with others from Shadow Creek Ranch? Come out to lunch with us we meet at different restaurants once a month and have great time. Like to be added to the invite email [angelicque@guzmanexpress.com](mailto:angelicque@guzmanexpress.com) and you will be sent an invite with the date and location.

### POKENO

A new game club is starting. Pokeno is like bingo but with face cards. Never played that's okay we will teach you. It's fun and easy and you can relax and play. If you are interested please email [angelicque@guzmanexpress.com](mailto:angelicque@guzmanexpress.com) for more information. We will meet once a month from 7pm until 9pm or so.

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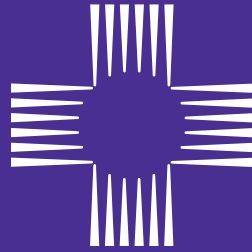
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### **Social Club News - (Continued from Page 14)**

#### **PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

Interested in going house to house for a meal and meeting new people? We would love to have you join us. We go to a different house for appetizers, entree and dessert. We always love to have new people join us for an evening of fantastic food and a fabulous social time. If you would like to attend or host please email [angelicque@guzmanexpress.com](mailto:angelicque@guzmanexpress.com) to be added to the list.

Our next dinner will be November 14th at 7pm. We will start with cheese and wine then the entree and end with light desserts. Email [angelicque@guzmanexpress.com](mailto:angelicque@guzmanexpress.com) by October 26th if you plan on attending and if you can host one of the courses.

***\*It's time to update our dinner email distribution list. If you are still interested in attending the dinners please email [angelicque@guzmanexpress.com](mailto:angelicque@guzmanexpress.com) otherwise you will be removed from the list.***

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#### **For Your Calendar (Rsvp By Email Please)**

**Thursday, October 22, 2009; 8:30pm to midnight.** Las Haciendas (12933 Gulf Fwy Houston, TX 77034) we will be hosting our monthly salsa outing. 3rd or 4th Saturday or Sunday (TBA) Salsa Social with new and current members. Please email for information.

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

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## SCRAPBOOKING

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## SHADOW CREEK YOUTH SOCCER

We had a total of 42 kids attend (4 sessions) -- out of that group, we fed 11 of them to the Shadow Creek Soccer Club as new players for the club. We've had so many requests for more camps that we've already started looking for some dates in November and December that we can schedule some camps -- which will not conflict with the regular soccer season. We've also had requests for private lessons for the kids during the season. Ted's club (SCSC) is going to have some hot shots!

We were also able to easily share the field area with some other groups that were either holding practices of their own, as well as the men's soccer group that plays on Monday nights. We thank you very much for allowing us to use that field -- it was a great area to contain kids in and the ducks at the pond were a real plus during break periods! We would like to continue using that field in the future if that would be ok. We realize that we are moving into rainy season and it may not be possible through the winter, but will work through that.

Discovery Soccer Camp run by Mike Garbade (Coach Mike). [www.discoverysoccercamp.com](http://www.discoverysoccercamp.com)

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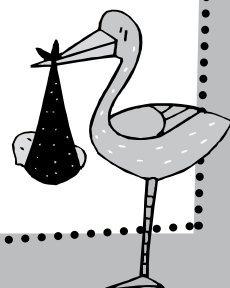
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## Chinch Bugs Are Destroying Our Lawns

As a lifelong Texas resident, I'm very familiar with the rapid, ruthless destruction that chinch bugs can do to one's yard. I've fought them for many years and I'm willing to bet that 95% of the lawns I see with large patches of dead turf (at least in my neighborhood, Pinecrest) are caused by chinch bugs, not heat or drought. The severe heat and drought-like conditions over the past couple of months have created a perfect environment for chinch bugs. They attack lawns that are stressed, weak and susceptible due to lack of water, fertilization and improper cultivation or routine maintenance.

Look at your lawns. Do you see tufts or sprigs of perfectly healthy green grass within patches of brown? This is most likely caused by chinch bugs. Chinch bugs usually begin destroying turf along the edges of concrete such as streets and sidewalks. If left uncontrolled, they can destroy a lawn in as little as two weeks. Yes, heat and lack of water will kill a lawn. But heat is not selective as it does not leave splotches of green turf untouched.

Check for the pests by taking an empty coffee can and cutting the bottom out so you have a simple cylinder. Using a rubber mallet, drive the coffee can into an area of the turf that straddles both healthy and sick grass. With your can firmly in the ground, fill the can with water and wait a few minutes. You should see the chinch bugs float to the top as you're flooding them from the thatch level of your lawn. Get a good look at them, google "chinch bugs" for photos and then celebrate because your problem has been positively identified!

To treat your infested lawns and stop the damage, you'll need a liquid insecticide that contains Permethrin or Bifenthrin. You can buy it in concentrate form but you'll need a dial-n-spray container that connects to a water hose. If you don't have the sprayer, you can buy the liquid in ready-to-apply containers that have their own hose-end sprayer. Apply as directed but here's the trick: You absolutely **MUST** apply at least three treatments in a 21-day period (once every 6-7 days) to your entire yard, not just the infected areas. Treating the dead areas merely wets dead grass! The bugs have moved on to greener areas of your lawn.

After stopping the bugs, you'll have to decide how to proceed. Some lawns may need to be re-sodded. Other areas will come back but it will take time, sometimes 2-4 growing seasons. You may see a darker, thinner grass start to fill in some areas. This is Bermuda grass and it is generally a stronger variety than St. Augustinegrass. Eventually, your healthy St. Augustinegrass (if you keep it tall enough) will choke out Bermuda or you may wind up with a mix. Nutsedge (kind of looks like a skinny, bright green onion top) can grow in the dead patches but it is a weed that is very easy to pull out. When the ground is moist, it's a good time to pull out crabgrass and other invasive grasses.

To help prevent lawn insects (e.g., ants, grub worms, chinch bugs, fleas, ticks), apply a granular insecticide with a broadcast spreader before the growing season. The granules form a preventative barrier around your lawn and should help keep chinch bugs at bay. But if you have an active chinch bug infestation **ALWAYS** use a liquid insecticide. Keep your lawn well-fed with a good fertilizer program, too. Good luck!

*Troy Griggsby  
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