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November Gardening & Lawn Care

November is "clean-up" month in the garden, but it is also a great time to plants some trees, shrubs and spring bulbs. Winter does not need to be bleak, get your hardy winter annuals out if you want some quick color over the holidays. It is also time to think "protection" from sudden freezes.

GENERAL CLEAN-UP & PROTECTION

- Remove all spent plants and debris from both your flower and vegetable gardens to prevent the spread of diseases. Also, it is wise to remove old mulch.
- Put packets of unused seed inside screwtop glass jars with a small tissue packet of powdered milk to soak up any moisture from the air inside the jar. Moisture would reduce the longevity of the seeds. Store the jars in a refrigerator or cool place.
- Clean and service garden tools (oil shovels and other tools to prevent rust) and drain gas tanks of garden equipment to prevent water buildup.
- A light mulch of shredded leaves or straw on your root vegetables will help protect against freezing. Also mulch perennials, tender shrubs and newly planted trees.

PERENNIALS

• Some woody perennials such as heathers, butterfly bush, lavender, and thyme, can be damaged or killed if you prune in fall. Protect them with mulch over the winter, and prune in spring.

TREES & SHRUBS

• Now is a great time to transplant and plant trees and shrubs. Do not plant too deep -- dig your hole the size of the plant's root ball, and about twice as wide. Loosen the roots gently with your fingers, and make sure the root ball is planted a couple inches higher than the soil around it. If you are planting a plant where the root ball is burlap covered, leave the burlap on the root ball. Once the plant is in the hole, untie the burlap and pull it back from the trunk, still leaving it around the root ball. Fill in the dirt and be sure to firm the soil up to prevent air pockets that lead to rot. Water deeply then apply about 4 inches of mulch, keeping the mulch away from the trunk. Do no fertilize until spring.

BULBS

• Continue planting spring-flowering bulbs--remember plant bulbs to a depth approximately four times that of the bulb's height and to water well after planting.

ANNUALS

• Set out forget-me-nots, pansies, snapdragons, violas, sweet William, pinks, ornamental kale and other hardy plants for flowering for winter and early spring. You can use a time-released fertilizer for better bloom.

LAWNS

• Rake up all the fallen leaves from your lawn areas and mow over-seeded rye grass lawns to a height of 1 to 2 1/2 inches. Be sure to drain gas from the gas tanks of any gas

Councilman's Corner

Ten years ago our city had just over 30,000 residents. Today including the ETJ, we are nearing 130,000 residents. This is an amazing fact and is just one of the reasons that I continue to be excited to serve on City Council. The Mayor, my fellow Councilmembers, an amazing City staff and I work hard every day to make sure that the needs of all of our citizens are being met. The past few weeks have been both busy and productive:

- In September, the City Council passed a Budget that among other things, provides funds for improvements and projects around the City, sets aside money to hire additional police officers and provides funds for equipment and new technology for both the police and fire departments. We were able to do these things and more without having to raise the tax rate. A copy of the annual budget can be found on the City website (www. cityofpearland.com).
- 2. The City began the expansion of 518 near 288 to alleviate some of the congestion in the area. The feeder roads along 288 will open soon which will also help with the traffic flow.
- 3. Following a request I made for a speed study, Council voted to

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	
Fire	
Ambulance	
Sheriff – Non-Emergency	

SCHOOLS

Mary Marek Elementary	
Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary	
Manvel Junior High	
Alvin Senior High	
Manvel High School	
Alvin ISD Administration	
Alvin ISD Transportation	

UTILITIES

Electricity - Reliant Energy	713-207-7777
Gas - Center Point	
Trash Removal - City of Pearland	

OTHER NUMBERS

Pearland Post Office	281-485-2132
Poison Control	800-764-7661
Brazoria County Health Department	979-864-1484
Animal Control	281-756-2265

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Pearland Animal Control	281-652-1970
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increase the speed limit on Kirby between Shadow Creek Parkway and Beltway 8 from 35mph to 45mph.

4. A joint meeting between the City Council and the Brazoria County Commissioners Court resulted in a decision to appoint a committee to explore the possibility of a Westside Library. I am honored that Mayor Reid asked me to serve as the representative from the City Council on this committee. All options are on the table and I am hopeful that we will move beyond the talk and start seeing some action.

As we move forward, I hope to be able to continue to share good news about the work being done around our City.

I invite you to join us for some great events coming up in the next few weeks, including the Christmas Tree Lighting at Pearland Town Center on December 4th and the Home Town Christmas Parade on December 5th. Information about these and many more events can be found on the City website.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you. As the year rapidly comes to a close, I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Scott Sherman Councilmember, Position #2 sherman.scottj@gmail.com

Facebook: "Councilmember Scott Sherman"

Pearland Parks & Recreation Presents

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New Traffic, Criminal Laws

Went Into Effect Sept. 1 Contributed by DPS, Submitted by Angelicque Guzman

HB 2730 is the DPS's Sunset Legislation, and many of the DPS-related bills this session were included in HB 2730. Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on Sept. 1 (unless otherwise indicated) include*:

SEATBELTS:

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in

the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

and used by TxDOT to buy safety seats for low income families. The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date.

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SB 61 amends the existing

statute regarding child passenger

safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of

age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless

the child is taller than 4 feet, 9

inches in height. The fine is no

more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.

The law also creates a new court

cost for conviction of an offense

under this section to be collected





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DRIVING:

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100. Closes a loophole so a person who commits an offense as a minor cannot circumvent the driver license penalty if the person turns 21 before their court date.

For a recorded sound bite on this topic, call 512-424-2606 Read about DPS online at www.txdps.state.tx.us

HB 2730 allows a new Texas resident to operate a vehicle without a Texas license for 90 days instead of the current 30. (This provision went into effect on June 19, 2009.)

HB 2012 creates two new punishment enhancements: a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives with a suspended license and without insurance; and a class A misdemeanor if the person driving without insurance or a valid driver license has an accident and someone is seriously injured or dies as a result of that accident.

SB 129 authorizes neighborhood electric vehicles (NEVs) to be operated on roads with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less. The bill authorizes driver license holders to operate NEVs without having a motorcycle endorsement, clarifies that drivers and passengers in such vehicles are not required to wear helmets and specifies that enclosed three-wheeled vehicles as described in the bill are authorized to operate in preferential lanes.

CONCEALED HANDGUN:

HB 2730 amends numerous provisions regarding concealed handgun licenses (CHLs), including eliminating student loan defaults as a disqualifier, to clarify that DPS must suspend or revoke a license when the licensee becomes ineligible and mandating that a magistrate suspend a CHL held by the subject of an emergency protective order.

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HB 2664 provides a defense to prosecution if a concealed handgun license holder carries a concealed handgun into an establishment that gets 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages, but has failed to post the statutorily required notice that it derives 51 percent or more of its income from the sale of alcoholic beverages. (Under current law, a concealed handgun licensee can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor for doing this.)

HB 2730 removes DPS authority to suspend a concealed handgun license (CHL) for the holder's failure to display the CHL to a peace officer on demand. It removes associated penalties and suspensions for the failure to display.

DRIVER LICENSE:

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15. It also extends the current phase-two restrictions for holders of a graduated driver license from 6 months to 1 year. These restrictions include limited night driving and limits the number of passengers.

HB 2730 and HB 339 restrict all drivers under the age of 18 from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 339 increases the total hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction a teen receives from 14 to 34 after TEA develops criteria for curriculum. (Goes into effect May 1, 2010)

SB 1317 creates a six-hour driver education course required for driver license applicants 18 years of age or older. It also mandates that applicants 25 or under must submit to an approved driver education course. (Goes into effect March 1, 2010.) For a recorded sound bite on this topic, call 512-424-2606 Read about DPS online at www.txdps.state.tx.us

SB 328 gives DPS the power to suspend a minor's driver license if they fail a breath or blood alcohol test while operating a watercraft. Chapter 524 of the Transportation Code also clearly defines the suspension period for an individual who was under the age of 21 at the time when the offense of boating under the influence or driving under the influence of alcohol occurred. The law also increases the reinstatement fee for a license suspended under sections 49.04-49.08, Penal Code from \$50 to \$100.

judge

HB 2730 increases the driver license sanction from a one-year CDL license disqualification to a lifetime disqualification if a person uses a motor vehicle to transport, conceal or harbor an alien. If a child is engaged in conduct involving a severe form of

trafficking persons, a at a juvenile hearing is required to order the juvenile's driver license or permit to be suspended.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions.

For more information refer to http://www.txdps. state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/ pr081109.pdf



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Recycling

Fellow Ranchers: According to Environmental Protection Agency statistics for calendar year 2007, 12.8% (by weight) of solid waste generated by households consists of yard debris such as grass, leaves, flowers, stalks, stems and trimmings. Only paper/paperboard waste has a higher percentage of the total waste (32.7%) than yard debris. Instead of putting these organic materials into the landfill, a better idea would be to make use of this resource. One of the ways to make use of yard debris is by composting these materials yourself and using the nutrient rich final product as fertilizer for your grass, shrubs, and garden. If you want to learn more about composting your own yard debris, the organization, Keep Pearland Beautiful (http://www.keeppearlandbeautiful.org), offers a course two times a year on this subject.

If you are looking for another way to get rid of your yard debris, you may be interested in a program established between the City of Pearland and Waste Management in 2000 that involves the use of clear/translucent plastic bags to hold your yard debris for pickup on the second trash pickup day of the week. Waste Management sends a separate truck around to collect yard debris on this date and delivers the debris to a commercial facility for composting. Our Pearland Home Depot (Aisle 42-Cleaning) currently sells 55-gallon size drum liners that can be used for this purpose. However, remember that the weight of the bag containing yard debris should not exceed 35 pounds. Also, for those who leave tree limbs/branches curbside, these should be bundled with string and no longer than five feet in length. If you notice that the yard trimmings that you leave curbside in clear bags are being tossed in with the other household trash or if Waste Management does not pick up your yard debris on the second trash pick-up day of the week, please contact Waste Management at 713-686-6666 (before noon on Saturdays).

By doing something as simple as composting or using clear plastic bags for disposing of our yard debris we can:

1) minimize the amount of waste that goes to the landfill,

2) reduce the generation of methane (a greenhouse gas) by the landfill from the decomposition of yard debris, and

3) generate a useful byproduct.

We are fortunate to live in a city that offers curbside recycling of yard debris and has an active organization such as Keep Pearland Beautiful to help us be better informed of opportunities to improve our community. Let's do our part at the Ranch to support these efforts.

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INTEGRITY PRESSURE WASHING: Is it time to make your home shine again? I am offering a \$250 all inclusive home pressure washing. Call Bryan "Capt. Morgan" Gardner. Also an Independent Monavie Distributor 678-791-6669.

SCHOOL NEWS

Marek Elementary Presents Family Fun at the Fall Carnival

The PTO at Marek Elementary in Shadow Creek Ranch will hold its bi-annual Fall Carnival on Saturday October 31st, 2009 from 10am-2pm. Join us for a day of fun, family, and great food! There will be carnival games, a rock wall, moonwalks, a fabulous Silent Auction and much more. We welcome companies who want to advertise

and crafters interested in booth space. Kids can dress up in costumes (please no masks!) Please contact Pam Giugliano for booth information mpmzgiugliano@yahoo.com or (713) 436-2716.

Pearland Music Teachers Association Receive Charter

The Pearland Music Teachers Association have officially received their charter from the Texas Music Teachers Association.at the Houston Hyatt Regency Hotel, where the convention was held in June. President, Cecile Aylor, lst Vice President, Geraldine Sharpley, 2nd Vice President, Geneva Fort, Secretary/Treasurer, Phyllis Carr, Student Affiliate Chair, Cindy Mills.

Recently, the music group held a Musicale Recital at Sagemont Church, featuring many of their students. The new association provides numerous opportunities, such as theory tests and world of music programs. winter musicale, composition and publication contests. concerto competition. and other festivals. The Texas Music Teachers Association also offer musical events on a state level at their yearly conventions, held in different cities. There are ensemble performances at the state conventions, chamber music. solo, concerto and vocal competitions and star performer recitals, as well as scholarships in music offered. .

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COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS

BROOK GLEN

Hi Neighbors:

- Your section rep is most happy to announce the arrival of Grayson, a bonnie, bouncing grandson on September 1. Grandson and parents are doing well and getting used to getting by with just a few hours sleep each night and a total transformation of their lives!
- If you are interested in putting an article in our Section Newsletter, share recipes or gardening tips, news such as weddings, new neighbors, births, anniversaries, etc then email me at brookglenrep1@yahoo.com. Please submit short articles no later than the 1st of the month for the upcoming month.
- Have you checked out the proposed changes to the Pearland city charter? See www.cityofpearland.com for details.
- Try the SCR home owner web site at www.shadowcreekranchhoa. com to discover many interesting activities and information about our sub-division. Call me (281-993-8892) or Melanie (713-436-4563) if you have problems with access.

Regards, Geoffrey Pope.

CRYSTAL LAKE

I want to thank all of you for the attendance, support, and good fellowship during our "Neighbors Night Out"

As information, we collected \$103.00 for the Pearland Police 100 Club. Bob and I will present the money, to the club, next week. I hope we will be the first subdivision to become members of the 100 Club. Thank you all for giving.

Another big thank you goes out to our neighbors Chad and Chandra Toussaint. At last nights event "No Soliciting" signs were given out to each homeowner. This was a lovely, thoughtful gift from Chad and Chandra. If you did not receive your sign last night, please let me know and we will bring one by.

During our Neighbors Night Out, many law enforcement officers, support enforcement personnel, Scott Sherman, and Mayor Pro-Tem Felicia Kyle were on hand to support the event. It was a wonderful way to get together and sharing information.

We also had two local business stop by to talk about their products. The evening was a big success, the food and the company was the best. Thank you all.

Take care and stay safe 🜐 Wanda Ferrell



RECYCLE WITH PAPER RETRIEVER TODAY TO HELP EARN MONEY FOR YOUR LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS!

Bringing your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, mail and household papers to your nearest Green and Yellow bin is a free and easy way to help local organizations earn extra money.

This money earned is used to fund community based programs that benefit schools, youth groups and charities. Look for the green and yellow bins and make recycling more rewarding!



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ENCLAVE LAKE ESTATES

By Travis DeBenedetto

Residents of Enclave Lake Estates, you may have seen announcement flyers on your door or heard from your neighbors that I am you new section representative. Please send your name, home address, and email address to me at dageaux@sbcglobal.net so I can be sure to include you in pertinent neighborhood information.

As the Holiday Season approaches, we should all seize the opportunity to celebrate the diverse nature of our community. I encourage you to get out, meet your neighbors and take a moment to learn their culture and how they celebrate this wonderful time of year. It's a great chance to build a network of community awareness and make new friends.

Remember nothing helps bring people together better than a good meal. As an avid cook that enjoys entertaining, I have grown to appreciate kitchen hygiene when cooking large meals. For those of you that enjoy being in the kitchen, I recommend that you visit the Food Network's Food Safety Guide for a reference: http://www.foodnetwork.com/healthy-eating/food-safety-guide/index.html. Side note: Don't trust the red pop-up that comes with some turkeys, they are not accurate and can fail. Instead, you can purchase a fast read thermometer for \$5. Remember, the turkey isn't done until the internal temperature at the thickest part reaches 180degF.

I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and look forward to meeting each of you soon!

HEATHERWOOD

Hello Neighbors,

My name is Viet Nguyen (pronounced 'win'), and I have volunteered to be your Heatherwood Section Representative for Shadow Creek Ranch. My wife, Silvia, and I have been living in Shadow Creek for the past 5 years, and we are continuously amazed but excited about all the new development and growth of our community. I volunteered in order to get to know each of you better and to promote a better sense of community in Heatherwood.

A little about me:

During the day, I am the local Farmers Insurance Agent with expertise in Home and Life policies. At night, I help manage 'Del Pueblo', my wife's local & family-owned Mexican Restaurant. My wonderful wife,

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COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS

Heatherwood - (Continued from Page 11)

Silvia, and I (who is also my support and the true brains of all my operations) were recently married last year. We have a sweet and loyal dog, Nena, whom most of you have probably seen us walk around the neighborhood.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the 2009 National Night Out / Block Party - we had a great time! For those who missed it, we'll try to have another one soon! Also for those unable to attend, please e-mail me with your contact info and I will get you added to the current Heatherwood Directory. My e-mail address is heatherwood.scr@gmail. com. Please let me know if there is anything I can pass along to the Home Owners Association. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone!

Regards, Viet Nguyen

JASMINE PASS Hello Neighbors,

My name is Muj Naqvi and I

have volunteered to be the Section

Representative for Jasmine Pass. My

ultimate goal is to bolster the camaraderie

amongst the residents of Jasmine Pass.

The first step to that is by having

an initial Meet & Greet and then

following it by quarterly meetings. It

is my sincerest hope that after this first

Meet & Greet we create an agenda of

what we can do as a neighborhood.

Yard of the Month? Block Party? If we

organize in this capacity we can also work

more readily with the HOA and SCR

Maintenance Organization by having a

collective voice. So please contact me via

email, jasminepassrep@gmail.com.

Regards, -Muj

KELSEY POINTE

Hineighbors. My name is Carey Stanteen and I have signed on to be the Kelsey Pointe section representative. My husband, Larry, and I have 2 small children. I took on this role in order to get to know each of you better and to promote community in Kelsey Pointe.

Thank you to all who came out for our 2nd National Night Out - we had a great time! About 20 families attended - great turnout! If you signed up with your information there, you should have received an e-mail with the KP directory attached. For those unable to attend, please e-mail me with your name, address, and e-mail address and we will get you added to the list. Our e-mail address is larryandcarey-kelseypointe@yahoo.com. Thanks for reading! Let us know how we can help in any way. We look forward to getting to know everyone!



Howdy! Most of you know me by now, Angelicque Guzman, I have offered to be our neighborhood representative. My task 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. Those who weren't able to attend the block party please send me angelicque@guzmanexpress.com your email address so you can be on the distribution list for our neighborhood. Once I have your email I will send out updates, crime information and information on our next get together.

On November 8th we will be having a block party to meet our neighbors. We have a gracious sponsor who will be providing the meat as well as cooking the meat! So all you need to bring is your favorite side dish

NICOLE TERRACE

to share and drinks for your family. The Fire Department will be here so the kids can explore the engine! We are working on a possible bounce house, face painting and clown. If you have any activities you can provide that would be great as well.

This all will take place in the cul de sac on Broad Bay Lane for 3pm-6pm on November 8th. The Novaks will be providing tables and chairs.

We will also discuss the possibilities of making our neighborhood a gated community. Come with reasons why we as a community feel this would benefit us. We need to make sure that if we decide to this that our reasons/expectations are met. And us as a group need to list our expectations and remember it is an extra expense and major change that should be well thought out as a group.

Please email me Angelicque Guzman at angelicque@guzmanexpress.com to let me know you are coming and so we can get you on our neighborhood email list for updates in our neighborhood.

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COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS

OSPREY POINTE

National Night Out was enjoyed by everyone in Osprey Pointe. There were a few new faces to meet, and many familiar friends and family out sharing a pot luck dinner. Highlights included brisket, dumplings, chicken, spicy corn on the cob, fresh fruit and birthday cake for 5 year old Ian Obelink. Everyone enjoyed the visit from the Pearland Police motorcycle officers and chaplain. Later in the evening, members of the Fire Marshall's office visited our party, as well as Pearland City Councilman Scott Sherman. Volunteers from the "Vote Yes" Alvin ISD bond group also dropped by to educate everyone on the importance of the November 3rd bond proposal for the continued growth of our school district. Overall, it was a very informative and fun evening thanks to the contributions of our neighbors and local officials.

Please contact me with any Osprey Pointe news to share: Sue Roberts, 832-868-8947 or sueroberts123@ gmail.com

THE STRAND

The Strand had a fun block party on national night out. Several dozen adults and another dozen children enjoyed the food, music, wine tasting and companionship. The senior residents and the most junior attended as well as many in between. A common theme was "we should have done this before, we should do this again ". The concept of a central neighborhood representative is starting to get around: of broad interest was the schools Bond issue, information was emailed to all. People knew who to call with a lost puppy/found puppy situation. The National Night Out block party got people together who previously only knew one another if they traveled in the same circles. (similar age children play together and parents know each other through kids) Plenty of residents chose not to participate, or couldn't. What's clear is that most appreciated having the option. I'm pretty certain we won't wait until next October for our next event.

A special note of thanks to "Iron Chef" Dean. Palate pleasing cuisine for the block party Strandivarians. Submitted by Strand rep. Chris Morehouse



REFLECTION POINT National Night Out for Reflection Point Was A Success.

The Reflection Point Community of Shadow Creek Ranch had a wonderful turn out and we've added to our contact list. The Fire Department showed up first along followed by the Police Department and the Precinct 4 Constable deputies. We were lucky to have Pat Onstad of the Houston Dynamo and Jose Cruz former Houston Astro.

The police officer gave us very useful information which will assist in the protection of our families and homes. In the officer's own opinion he felt that Shadow Creek Ranch stickers on our vehicles were not good because it makes the residents easy targets for criminals. He also reminded us that it was against the law to drive in school zones without the use of a hands free device.

On another note the Reflection Point Community will be planning another day or night out in the Spring. Unfortunately, we only see some of the neighbors only one time a year; therefore we would like to increase the frequency of this.





We would like to welcome the Barnes family to the neighborhood. In addition, we have Max Philips and Brian Ingamel they both play football for Nolan Ryan Junior High. If you have time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons please go out and support these two nice young men. Thanks, John Robertson **Reflection** Point Representative

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SILVER LEAF GLEN

National Night Out was a lot of fun, so thank you to all of you who came out and especially for all the tasty treats. The dogs also appreciate the fact that we left some hot dogs for them, they have suggested more hot dog eating events! It was great to see all the little ones we have in our neighbourhood and the bigger kids as well! I think it's important for all of us to be familiar with one another, especially the children, so that should we need help or see that a neighbour needs help, we don't hesitate to step forward.

Also, I got a great email about taking care of yard debris that I hope you will find informative and helpful...Thank you Carl.

One of the ways to make use of yard debris is by composting these materials yourself and using the nutrient rich final product as fertilizer for your grass, shrubs, and garden. If you want to learn more about composting your own yard debris, the organization, Keep Pearland Beautiful (http:// www.keeppearlandbeautiful.org), offers a course two times a year on this subject. (My husband has three different composting systems at work in the back yard, so it can be done, it just takes a little effort.)

You may be interested in a program established between the City of Pearland and Waste Management in 2000 that involves the use of

clear/translucent plastic bags to hold your yard debris for pickup on the second trash pickup day of the week. Waste Management sends a separate truck around to collect yard debris on this date and delivers the debris to a commercial facility for composting. Our Pearland Home Depot (Aisle 42-Cleaning) currently sells 55-gallon size drum liners that can be used for this purpose. However, remember that the weight of the bag containing yard debris should not exceed 35 pounds. Also, for those who leave tree limbs/branches curbside, these should be bundled with string and no longer than five feet in length. If you notice that the yard trimmings that you leave curbside in clear bags are being tossed in with the other household trash or if Waste Management does not pick up your yard debris on the second trash pick-up day of the week, please contact Waste Management at 713-686-6666 (before noon on Saturdays).

The mosquitoes have been very bad lately with all the rain, but I know one of our neighbours has placed a call into to have our area sprayed, so we just have to be patient. Thanks again, and please email your inofrmation to silverleafglen@gmail.com if you wish to be included on the list of contact information I am putting together to send out to all neighbours! Take care!



Blackhorse Ranch Bridgeland Coles Crossing Copperfield Cypress Mill **Cypress Point Eagle Springs Enchanted Valley** Fairfield Harvest Bend The Village Lakes of Fairhaven Lakes on Eldridge Lakes on Eldridge North Lakewood Grove Legends Ranch Longwood

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SUNRISE CREEK

Hi my name is Bao Bui. I have been a resident of Shadow Creek Ranch since December 2003. I have a wonderful wife (Kim), daughter (Jennie), son (Michael) and four legged friends (Oreo and Barley). After speaking with Melanie Smith, I am very exciting and honor to be the Sectional Representative for Sunrise Creek Community. This is a way for us to come together as neighbors, watch out for one another and more efficiently voice and communicate our concerns, request with the HOA and each other. I grew up from the community, when neighbors knew one another well and I am still believing that the more we see and talk to each others, the more friendly and security sense will be developed within Sunrise Creek residents.

Texas weather is getting cooler and better in the afternoon. This is a perfect time to come out and stroll through the neighborhood meet and say hello to your neighbors.

In the mean time, please e-mail me at baokimbui@yahoo.com, so I can add you to our e-mail distribution list and I hope to start to develop a data base for Sunrise Creek Community related information, announcement and other community events.

Regards, Bao Bui

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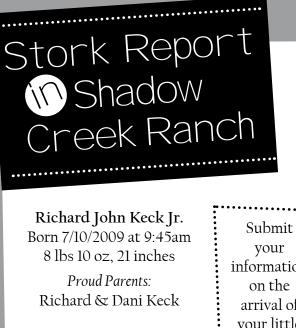
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Samantha Ryan LeRouax Born 9/29/2009 @ 7:46 am 6 lbs 9 oz, 19.25 inches

Proud Parents: Derrek and Emily LeRouax

> Proud Big Brother: Mason LeRouax

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information arrival of your little one to msmith@ amitx.com

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

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

SPRING/SUMMER/FALL SAND VOLLEYBALL

WHERE: Reflection Bay Rec. Center

WHEN: Every Fri at 6PM (weather permitting)

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

Check out the website info at http://soccer.meetup.com/63 Email me at davidsayroo@yahoo.com

BRIDGE

"Enjoy an evening of bridge and fellowship with your Shadow Creek Ranch neighbors. All levels are welcome. For times, directions or more information call Barb at 713-436-6314 or e-mail 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 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 Pearland 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@yahoogroups.com.

DESIS

Desis in Shadow Creek held their annual summer picnic at the Reflection Bay Recreation Center. Over a 100 people came for a evening of music, food and fun. There were many games for kids with prizes for everyone. There was a sumptuous desi spread for dinner



followed by a loud round of Bingo. Everyone left looking forward to the next one!



FITNESS CLUB

I am still looking for an assistant, so if you are interested then please email me at katrina.barnes1@gmail.com . Please contact me if you are interested in joining this FREE club for the entire family. We are going to get a representative from **Dynamic Fitness to provide us with a FREE Boot Camp** this month. 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 and you will be sent an evite with the date and location.

<u>POKENO</u>

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 for more information. We will meet once a month from 7pm until 9pm or so.

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

SALSA CLUB (AKA SCR SALSEROS)

Dear Friends,

Join the Latin dance revolution and become part of SCR Salseros! Would you like to learn how to dance Salsa? Think you have "two left feet" or no rhythm? Are you looking for a fun, new activity for you and your significant other? Or are you single and wanting to meet new people? We offer comprehensive, patient and humorous instruction in Latin dancing, so you can learn to dance and have a fabulous time! No dancing experience or partners required.

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Visit http://www.scrsalsa.com For info, please contact Christian Gutierrez via email at christian@latindancefactory.com (preferred) or via **phone at 832-693-5842** for more information.

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

SCRAPBOOKING

Do you like to scrapbook? Want to meet others that like to scrapbook? Want to learn how to scrapbook? Email Joan Riggs RaisingAlexis@gmail.com or join the Yahoo group: http: wpearlandscrappers.ning.com/ to find out more information.

SHADOW CREEK RANCH YOGA CLUB

Join us for a FREE YOGA class at Sundance Yoga in Pearland. It teaches an inspiring and profound practice of yoga you will truly enjoy!

PLACE: Sundance Yoga

2809 Miller Ranch Rd. Suite 413 Pearland, TX



DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 TIME: 6:30 pm

WHAT TO BRING: Copy of Newsletter with article, Water Bottle, Yoga Mat (if you have one), and yourself. **RSVP:** Call 281-482-9642 by November 16, 2009 to reserve a spot and request a mat if needed.

Everyone's body is different, so we release the ego and allow selfacceptance. Some classes are Anusara-inspired, unifying proper physical alignment with the celebration of opening the heart. Our studio promote a sense of community and connection for our students to feel at home when practicing Yoga.

To be added to the Shadow Creek Ranch Yoga Club evite list, email Kim at info@BodyBalanceTherapies.com

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

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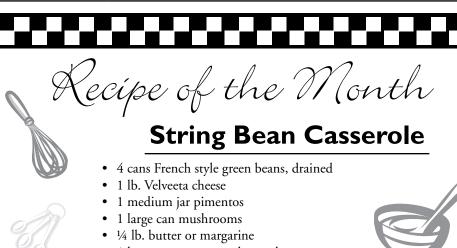
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as the men's soccer group that plays on Monday nights. We thank you very much for allowing us to use that field -- it was a great area to contain kids in and the ducks at the pond were a real plus during break periods! We would like to continue using 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.

Coach Mike



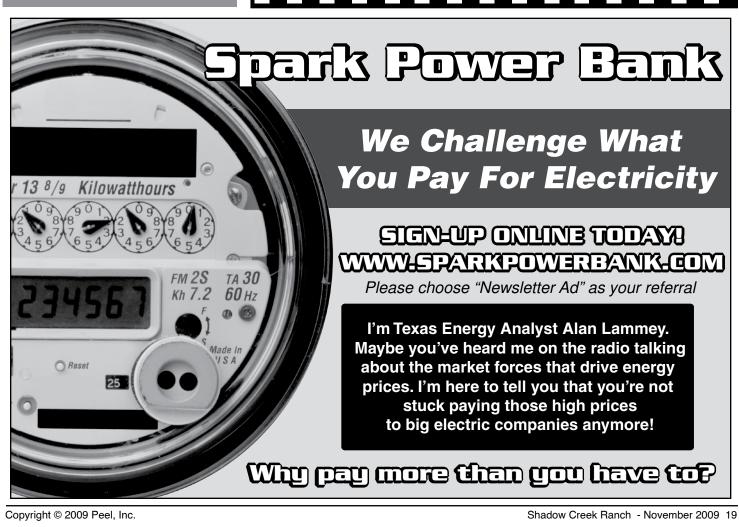
We want to hear from you! Emailmsmith@ amitx.com to let the community know!



- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- Ritz crackers or sliced almonds

Melt butter. Saute green peppers. Add cheese to melt. Add beans, mushrooms, and pimentos. Put into baking dish and sprinkle with Ritz cracker crumbs or sliced almons. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to articles@peelinc.com.





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