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Come and sit back to enjoy an evening of fun and family entertainment sponsored by the City of Pearland Parks and Recreation Department. Don't forget to bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets! For more information and schedule call 281-652-1673 or log onto [www.pearlandparks.com](http://www.pearlandparks.com).

**Concerts in May & June are at Southdown Park, 2150 Country Place Parkway**  
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## 2010 Pear Run

The Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will hold its 6th Annual Pear Run 10k/5k/Walk on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 7am on a certified course in Pearland's Independence Park. There will be a free kids 1k fun run for children 9 years old and under following the 10k finish.

The Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (PCPAAA) is an IRS Section 501(c) non-profit organization and the Pearland Police serve as advisors to the group. All donations to the Pearland Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association are tax deductible.

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This interchange will also bring in more traffic through 518 - people getting to the mall and such, so be extra careful when pulling out onto 518 from Windward Bay.

For more information visit <http://www.ultimatepearland.com/2010/02/broadwayfm-521-intersection-open>.

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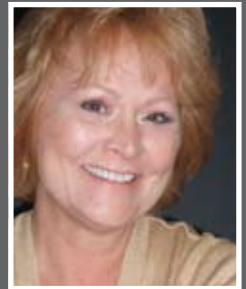
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## COMMUNITY SECTION NEWS

### ENCLAVE LAKES ESTATES

*Hello friends and neighbors!*

For those of you that attended the annual HOA meeting you are aware that I am a member of the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) representing Shadow Creek Ranch. This panel consists of management from nearby chemical plants (Akso Nobel and Champion Technologies) located on Alameda about a mile from our neighborhood) and residents that could be impacted by the operations at these facilities. One of the topics of our monthly meetings involved notification of residents should an unexpected event occur that would negatively impact the community outside of the facility boundary limits. One of the key areas of notification is called First Call (<http://www.firstcall.net>). This is an automated telephone notification system that provides instructions for those residences within the impacted areas depending on proximity, environmental conditions, and severity of the event. For those of you with published phone numbers you should already be on the list. For those of you that have unpublished numbers or want to ensure inclusion in the program, you can visit the website to register your phone number. For further information about First Call or the CAP, feel free to email me at [dageaux@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dageaux@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 713 501 0977.

*Regards, Travis de Benedetto, Enclave Lake Estates.*

### SAGECREST POINTE

*Hi SageCrest Pointe,*

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter. We were so blessed with beautiful Spring weather for all those egg hunts. Of course, with Spring comes the need to mow our yards more often, as well as tend the flowerbeds, and take care of those pesky weeds. A well kept yard contributes to a more beautiful neighborhood, and happier neighbors. Remember to always sweep up your yard clippings too, as letting them wash down the drain is not only unsightly, but can contaminate our water supply. If we all pitch in we can have the best looking streets in the subdivision!

*Have a safe and weed free Spring!!*

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## FROM AMI

### What Can You Do About Soliciting *In The Neighborhood?*

Many communities are ripe targets for solicitors – for a variety of reasons. While the Association has no real control over soliciting activities, we have tried to discourage solicitors from marketing in our community by placing “no soliciting” signs in common areas.

The reason that we cannot prevent soliciting is that the streets and roadways within the community are public access ways owned and maintained by the county. This means that no person or persons may be prevented from entering the community. Of course, if an individual or individuals are in the process of breaking the law, the Sheriff or other law enforcement officer can take immediate action.

You Association recommends the following actions that every owner can take to discourage unwelcome soliciting in the community:

- Report all suspicious persons to the Sheriff's Department and request the deputies on duty be made aware of your concerns.
- Promptly remove all flyers left on your front or garage door.
- Promptly report to the Post Office all flyers left on the mailboxes.

- Refuse to make use of solicitors' offers and refuse to patronize any company being marketed in this manner.
- Notify the managing agent of any companies presently soliciting so that letters can be sent advising them of this policy of not permitting door to door soliciting (they will be reminded of the community newsletter and/or the Green Sheet as marketing options).
- Individual homeowners have the ability to place a small “No Trespassing/No Soliciting” sign at the entry to their homes. Should a solicitor continue to leave flyers, the homeowner then has the authority to file charges against the Solicitor/Company for trespassing on private property.

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*Homeowners must be current on their assessments and have an active Shadow Creek Ranch Access card to gain entry.  
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# AROUND SHADOW CREEK RANCH

## Shadow Creek Soccer Club Fall Registration

Ages 4-10. Register now for Fall season at [www.shadowcreeksoccer.org](http://www.shadowcreeksoccer.org). Deadline June 30 so register now. Drive to practice and games in 3 minutes! Secure a place on a team for your daughter or son. Fall season begins September 18 and ends November 6.

Your child will play on a neighborhood team, receive a full uniform, KidSafe protection, and a trophy. Games are Saturday mornings 8 am – noon. Register at [www.shadowcreeksoccer.org](http://www.shadowcreeksoccer.org). Higher level competition available with the Club's competitive Academy.

Shadow Creek Soccer Club is a totally volunteer Federally recognized nonprofit organization and a member of the Houston Youth Soccer Association.

## Shadow Creek Ranch Swim Team



Ages 6-12. Join the Swim Team's second season for high level coaching, many practice sessions, end of season prizes, and lots of fun. First practice: Saturday, June 19. Last day & swim competition: Saturday, July 24. Total of 15 practice sessions plus final competition. Make any or all practices. Each Swimmer will become an AAU member that includes AAU insurance. As the team grows, competitions will be planned with neighborhoods and swim clubs close to Shadow Creek.

To be eligible for the team, a swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) with head in the water (breathing allowed of course!) -- no exceptions. The team is to improve able swimmers. There will be no tryout for the team, so if you are unsure your child can swim 25 yards, best to practice now to find out.

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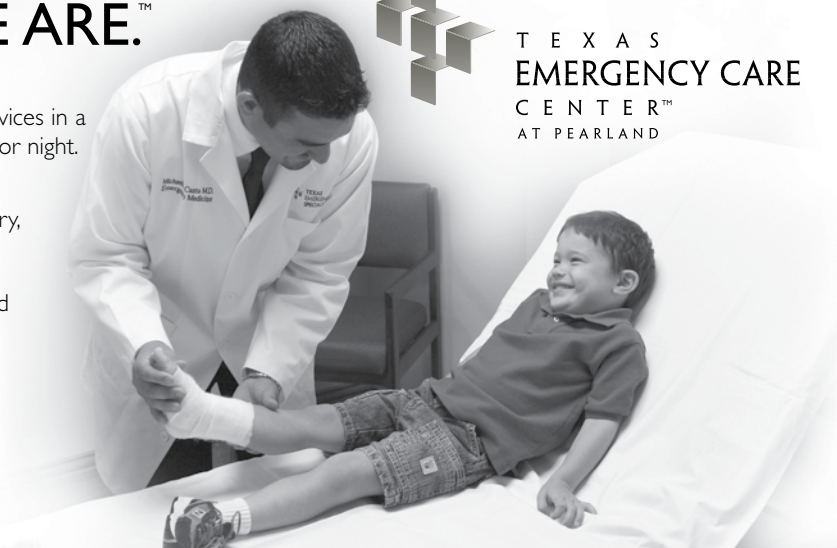
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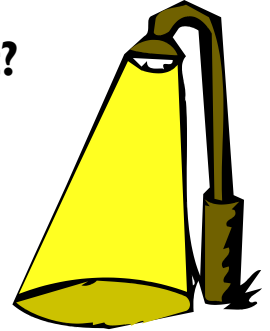
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As a reminder, the City of Pearland operates our water and sewer system and provides garbage collection services. If you have any questions about your service, please call the City of Pearland at (281) 652-1603.

The District generally meets every first Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the offices of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027. Agendas for each meeting are posted at the Emerald Village Recreation Center, 11814 N. Clear Lake Loop, Pearland, Texas 77584, and at the Brazoria County Courthouse at least 72 hours before every meeting, and the Board of Directors invites all members of the public to attend its meetings. Please contact (713) 860-6439 if you need confirmation of a Board meeting.

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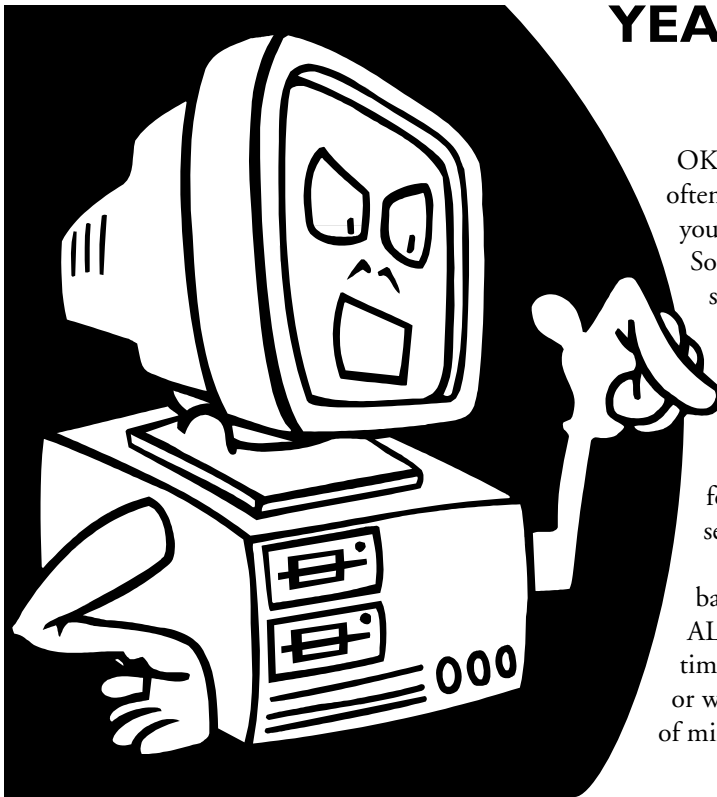
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# NEWS YOU CAN USE



## YEAH YEAH, BACKUP BACKUP, *Nag Nag!*

OK, my clients are used to hearing it, "backup backup backup." I can say it often but it's never too often. Let me put it another way, how much pain are you willing to endure? The hard drive in your computer WILL fail someday. So WHEN it does, how are you going to feel? School's almost out for the summer. How will you feel when that final paper or report disappears right before you're ready to submit it to the teacher or professor?

Maybe you're a young family, and you have thousands of digital photos and videos recording everything your babies have done their first few years. Their first haircut, first birthday, first Christmas, the first time they walk, their FIRST WORDS! All in a pristine, digital format that is very easy to duplicate, yet all GONE, possibly never to be seen by anyone again.

You use something like Quicken or Microsoft Money and keep your banking records on your computer, or you own your own business and ALL your financial records are stored on your hard drive. It's almost tax time and the information can't be retrieved. You now have to spend days or weeks recreating your records as best you can (this happened to a client of mine.) The "computer ate my homework" won't fly with the IRS.

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## Yeah Yeah, Backup Backup - (Continued from Page 10)

So I'll ask you again, how much pain are you willing to endure? You do have a few options to backing up your valuable data. One way is to do it yourself (I'll go into more detail later.) Another way to preserve your memories is to pay someone else to do it. Yet a third way is probably the most common way, intentional or not – prayer. No plan, no system, just the hope that nothing goes wrong with their computer. Since I'm not aware of a Patron Saint of the PC, I'll concentrate on the first two methods – you're on your own for the third option.

Want to do it yourself? Purchase an inexpensive external hard drive and plug it into your computer's USB port. You can pick up a 500GB (that's gigabyte) external hard drive at Best Buy for around \$80, and maybe a terabyte drive (that's 1,000 gigabytes) for \$100. If you like to shop around online you can probably find something even cheaper. Just about anything you buy will include backup software. If you don't like it, you can try downloading my favorite, SyncBack. Go to 2BrightSparks.com, click on "Downloads" and choose their freeware. Download SyncBack in whatever language you like and go at it.

Of course, if you're not inclined for any reason to do it yourself,

you can always pay someone to do the above for you. Also, you can keep the "upfront" cost to a minimum by going with an online solution. Two advantages are you don't have to spend very much up front, and the other is that even in the event of burglary, fire, etc. you can buy a new computer and download all your backed up files. The two most well known services are Mozy and Carbonite, they cost about the same (\$55 a year.) Mac users also have me.com as an option (though it is a little more expensive.)

Now, not all hope is lost if your hard drive should fail. There are services available that will take your hard drive, have employees in "bunny suits" take it into a "clean room" (much cleaner than an operating room), disassemble it, remove the platters (the parts with the information) and rebuild it with matching parts in an attempt to extract the data. IF they are successful, plan on spending approximately \$2,000 to get the data back. It that's a lot of money to you, then look at doing it yourself or hire an expert to do it for you. It's not hard at all to do – but you need to do it. If you don't, you're going to remember how you were "nagged" and didn't do anything when you could have, and there will be a geek waiting for your phone call.

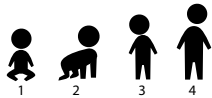


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### FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



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### DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

### DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.

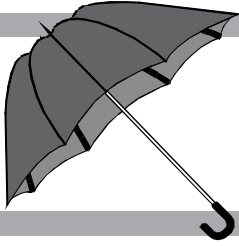


Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.



# NEWS YOU CAN USE



## Can the Weather Affect My Child's Asthma?

### Weather and Asthma

The effect of weather on asthma symptoms isn't fully understood, but clearly there is a link. Numerous studies have shown a variety of connections, such as increases in asthma-related emergency department visits when certain weather conditions are present. Some people find that their asthma symptoms get worse at specific times of year. For others, a severe storm or sudden weather change may trigger an attack.

Exposure to cold, dry air is a common asthma trigger and can quickly cause severe symptoms. People with exercise-induced asthma who participate in winter sports are especially susceptible. Dry, windy weather can stir up pollen and mold in the air, leading to problems for some people.

Hot, humid air also can trigger asthma symptoms, and wet weather encourages the growth of mold spores, another asthma trigger. In certain areas, heat and sunlight combine with pollutants to create

ground-level ozone, which is also an asthma trigger.

Studies have shown that thunderstorms can trigger asthma attacks. One study showed that during thunderstorms, the daily number of emergency department visits for asthma increased by 15%. The study concluded that the problem was caused by the number of fungal spores in the air, which almost doubled. It wasn't rain, but the wind, that caused this increase. Changes in barometric pressure may also be an asthma trigger.

### Avoiding Allergy Triggers

If you suspect weather is playing a role in your child's asthma, keep a diary of asthma symptoms and possible triggers and talk to your child's doctor. Once you know what kind of weather triggers asthma symptoms, you can take steps to protect your child:

- Watch the forecast for pollen and mold counts as well as other conditions (extreme cold or heat) that might affect your child's asthma.

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## Can the Weather Affect... - (Continued from Page 12)

- Limit your child's outdoor activities on peak trigger days.
- Make sure your child wears a scarf over his or her mouth and nose outside during very cold weather.
- Keep windows closed at night to keep pollens and molds out. If it's hot, use air conditioning, which cleans, cools, and dries the air.
- Keep your child indoors early in the morning (before 10 AM) when pollen is at its highest levels.
- Your child shouldn't mow the lawn or rake leaves, and should be kept away from freshly cut grass and leaf piles.
- Dry clothes in the dryer (hanging clothes or sheets to dry can allow mold or pollen to collect on them).
- Make sure your child always has rescue medication on hand.

Your child's written asthma action plan should list weather triggers and ways to manage them, including any seasonal increases in medication. A child whose asthma seems to be allergy-related may also need to see an allergist for medication or allergy shots.

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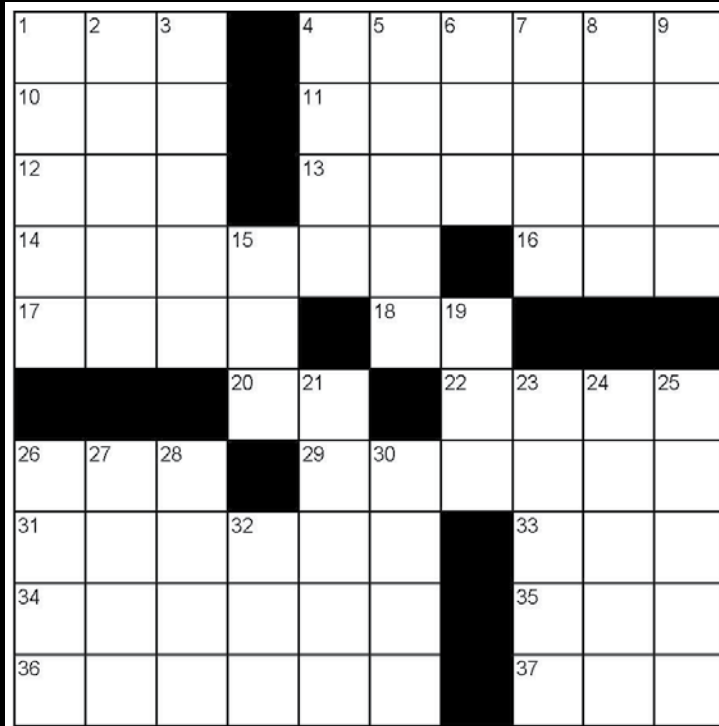
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# KIDS SECTION

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Bad (prefix)
4. Asks for legally
10. Monkey
11. Author of "Sense and Sensibility"
12. Gross national product (abbr.)
13. Plan
14. More humble
16. Swab
17. Retired persons association (abbr.)
18. Education (abbr.)
20. Headquarters (abbr.)
22. Cool
26. Poisonous snake
29. African country
31. Penzoil is this (2 wds.)
33. MD
34. Build
35. Kimono sash
36. Walk quietly
37. Misty

### DOWN

1. Lava
2. Sleep disorder
3. Biblical outcast
4. Casing
5. Money
6. Tree
7. Detail
8. Business note
9. Metal fastener
15. Kilometers per hour
19. Cell stuff
21. Capital of Ecuador
23. Give
24. Mud brick
25. Inferred
26. Account (abbr.)
27. Dress
28. Secondary
30. Rejoicing
32. Grain

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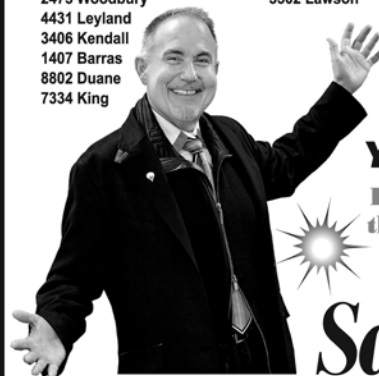
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