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BRAZORIA-FORT BEND COUNTY MUD #I SHADOW CREEK RANCH SPORTS PARK

Quick Facts about Shadow Creek Ranch Sports Park

Brazoria-Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 1 and Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 26, otherwise known as the MUDs, are in the Shadow Creek Ranch Master Planned Community in Pearland. The MUDs, working with the City of Pearland, have developed a master plan for the Shadow Creek Ranch Sports Park to be built at the intersection of Shadow Creek Ranch Parkway and Kingsley Drive. The MUDs and the City want to work together to build this Park. The Park is estimated to cost \$19 million.

Background

The basic outline of the Park was developed by the City utilizing input from residents throughout the City. The MUDs took the City's Plan and updated it to group the playfields more closely by sport. Additionally, the plan includes more soccer / multi-purpose fields than the original plan. Also, included are more picnic pavilions and a kite flying hill, large slides, climbing rocks, and a lawn games area.

Using Bonds to Build the Park

The MUDs are giving their residents the chance to decide whether they are for or against the issuance of MUD bonds to start building the first phase of the Park in 2011, which is estimated to cost about \$12 million. The MUDs are sharing the costs roughly 2/3 share to MUD 26 and 1/3 share to MUD 1, based on the respective number of homes and estimated population. MUD 26 would issue \$7.5 million in bonds and MUD 1 would issue \$4.5 million in bonds to build the first phase of the Park. The City will issue City bonds to pay for the future phases of the Park. Both MUDs can issue the MUD bonds in 2011 without a tax rate increase.

The Election

Federal election laws require the MUDs to translate election information into Spanish. On November 2, 2010, registered voters

in Shadow Creek Ranch will have the chance to vote for or against park bonds. The amount of bonds to be voted on in MUD 26 are \$7,500,000 and in MUD 1 are \$4,500,000. The MUDs will only build the park if the election passes. The ballot will read to vote "for" or "against" the following:

PROPOSITION - THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND THE LEVY OF TAXES IN PAYMENT OF THE BONDS

- Early voting October 18th 29th
- Election Day is November 2, 2010.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the MUD bonds be repaid? From your MUD taxes. The MUDs have figured out they can issue these bonds without an increase in their MUD tax from the 2009 or 2010 tax amount.

What will be built in phase one? The MUDs will work with the City to determine what facilities will be in phase 1. The MUDs expect to build six (6) soccer / multi-use fields, eight (8) 200' size baseball fields, three (3) concession areas, three (3) large pavilion / restroom facilities, two (2) playgrounds, parking, two (2) picnic pavilions, six (6) volleyball courts, a lawn games area, amphitheater area, trails, entry drive, site lighting, park signage, landscape and irrigation.

When will construction start? If the MUDs get approval to proceed, they have to submit a bond application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This takes about 6 to 9 months for approval. While the MUDs are waiting on approval, they will start design. After the TCEQ approves the bonds, they will be sold and construction will begin as soon as possible, which the MUDs hope will be before the end of 2011.

(See Map on Pages 6-7)

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Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 26

Park Plan:

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The MUDs are giving their residents the chance to decide whether they are for or against the issuance of park bonds to start designing the first phase of the Park in 2011, which is estimated to cost about \$12 million. The MUDs would issue bonds to build the first phase of the Park and the City will issue City bonds to pay for the future phases of the Park. Both MUDs can issue the bonds in 2011 **without a tax rate increase**. If the MUDs get approval to proceed, the MUDs will work with the City to make the Park become a reality sooner than originally planned.

For more information, please look for a brochure that will be included with your next water bill (to be mailed by the City on October 1st). We are also coordinating with the homeowners' association to hold a meeting in the community to discuss the Park matter with residents and to answer any questions. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m., at Mary Burks Marek Elementary School, 1947 Kirby Drive.

General Information:

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) 860-6436 if you need confirmation of a Board meeting.

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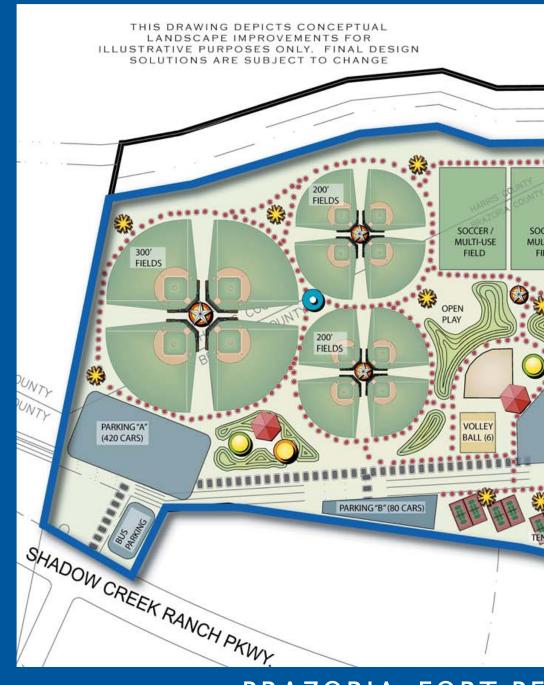
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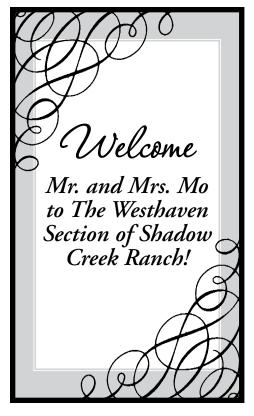
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SHADOWCREEK LADIES

Pictured at August Bunco Game.



Fun times were had by all at this Bunco game held at the Wimbush's home in August. If you are interested in becoming a sub or a regular player, please contact Avis at avis. wimbush@invesco.com. The game is played once a month at the home of one of twelve regular players. There are several groups that have already started in our area, so maybe there is room for you!



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Councilman's Corner

It is hard to believe that it is already October. This month I want to draw your attention to several items that directly affect us here in Shadow Creek Ranch.

Shadow Creek Parkway Construction

In late August, the Texas Department of Transportation began a project to improve and expand Shadow Creek Parkway. The work includes major improvements to the drainage system and will widen the pavement to a four lane boulevard with raised medians, install signalized intersections at Trinity Bay Drive, Reflection Bay Drive and Business Center Drive and upgrade signals at FM 521, Kingsley Drive and Kirby Drive. The project is expected to take 18 months. While TXDOT will attempt to minimize the delays, due to the size and scope of the project it is inevitable that this project will cause residents some headaches. The City will be in constant communication with TXDOT and will keep residents updated on the status of the project.

National Night Out

National Night Out is the nation's night out against crime. This year, Texas residents will celebrate the 27th National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5th, 2010. Every year Pearland residents come out by the hundreds to join their neighbors at neighborhood block

parties all across the city. Last year I had the opportunity to visit eight parties in SCR. Send me an email if you would like me to stop by your block party this year.

Park Bond Vote

As you know the City currently has no park facilities on the west side of SH 288. While voters approved bonds in 2007 to build a park in SCR, economic conditions will delay the project. Brazoria MUD 26 and Brazoria/Fort Bend MUD 1 have voted to proceed with an election on November 2 to obtain voter approval of a proposition to issue bonds for construction of Shadow Creek Ranch Regional Sports Park (SCR Sports Park). The passage of this proposition will allow the Park project to become a reality earlier than if the City has to act alone. The Park may include open spaces, greenbelts, native habitat, paths, sidewalks, walking trails, fitness trail equipment, parks (including outdoor playground equipment, picnic tables, benches, barbeque grills, fire pits, fireplaces, open-air pavilions/gazebos, open-air amphitheaters, concession stands, etc.), pedestrian bridges and underpasses, ball fields, landscaping, amenity lakes (water features, docks, piers, overlooks), lighting, parking, and landscaping. The MUDs have determined that they are able to issue

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bonds for parks without (1) increasing their current tax rates, (2) lengthening their debt maturity schedules, or (3) increasing the City tax rebate currently received by the MUDs pursuant to the Utility Agreements. Early voting runs from October 18 – October 29. Election Day is Tuesday, November 2.

I hope that this information is helpful. As always, please let me know if there are issues or concerns that I can assist you with.

Scott Sherman, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Pearland sherman.scottj@gmail.com, Facebook: "Councilmember Scott Sherman"

SHADOW CREEK PARKWAY

Construction Update

Starting late August 2010, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin work on the improvement of FM2234 (Shadow Creek Parkway) between FM 521 (Almeda Road) and SH 288. This work includes major improvements to the drainage system and will widen the pavement to four lane boulevard with raised medians, install signalized intersections at Trinity Bay Drive, Reflection Bay Drive and Business Center Drive and upgrade signals at FM 521, Kingsley Drive and Kirby Drive.

Although the construction traffic control plan is designed to facilitate traffic in both directions during the 18 month construction period, it is advisable to seek alternative routes from SH288 to FM 521. Traffic using this route should expect major and continuous delays due to shifting traffic patterns and work areas. The work is being phased to begin at the east end of the roadway to the west.

Beginning next week, drivers should expect alternating lane closures for temporary traffic signal pole installations at FM 521, Kirby and Kingsley. The contractor will also begin working on the east bound temporary lanes from FM 521 to SH 288. Left turn lanes will temporarily be closed as the contractor approaches these areas.

TxDOT ask that all drivers planning on using this route during construction exercise extreme caution through the construction area as the speed limit has now been reduced to 45 mph. Work areas will be constantly changing, paving surfaces may be rough or uneven, with a temporary shoulder drop-off, temporary lanes will be narrow, there will be large moving equipment and personnel in close proximity to the travel lanes and traffic direction signage will be constantly changing.

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