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Shadow Creek Ranch will be the host of the first annual "Shadow Creek Ranch Triathlon" benefiting the American Diabetes Association. The race will be held on Sunday July 17, 2011 at 6:45AM starting at the Village of Diamond Bay Waterpark-2034 Trinity Bay Drive. Let's support American Diabetes and the athletes by showing a great Shadow Creek Ranch welcome. The race organizers are looking for volunteers to assist with this great event. If you are interested in volunteering for the race, please email info@troikapromotions.com or visit www.troikapromotions.com and click on the volunteer tab. T-Shirts will be provided to all volunteers.

Registration Closing Date Saturday, July 16, 2011 @ 11:59 PM—For further information you may visit <http://www.shadowcreekranchtriathlon.com/#!register>

Community Update - Just a reminder, **CONSERVE WATER & HELP THE ENVIRONMENT**

by Bobbie Lopez

The City of Pearland is reporting that for three consecutive days (as of May 31, 2011), Pearland's total daily water demands have exceeded 70% of the system's available operating capacity. Therefore, in accordance with the City's Water Conservation Plan, and due to on-going drought conditions, the City is implementing the Plan's "Stage One Drought Response", effective June 2.

Residents are asked to voluntarily practice water conservation by minimizing or discontinuing non-essential water use. Ideally, outdoor watering should occur between the hours of 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, odd-numbered addresses are requested to water on odd dates and even-numbered addresses are requested water on even dates. For example, 3519 Liberty Drive can water on June 3, 5, 7, etc. since the address ends in an odd number.

Please be considerate of neighbors by reducing or eliminating landscape watering on the weekends, when water system demands are at their highest. High water usage can result in low water pressure. For more information about the voluntary watering schedule or the Water Conservation Plan, please call the Public Works Department at (281) 652-1900. Additionally, visit www.cityofpearland.com or tune in to Pearland CityView cable channel 16 for the latest water information. For Water Conservation tips, please see the information below.

Without water, all of us would be...well...not here. It is the lifeblood of life on earth and as time goes on, it is becoming harder to find and use for many people on the planet. You would not know it living here in the U.S., but around the world there are tons of places where safe water is hard to find. That being said, there are a few things you can do to lessen your impact on the world's water supply.

- **Check your faucets for leaks.** If you have a leaky faucet that drips only once per second or so, you are wasting 1 gallon of water per day.
- **If you don't have a dishwasher, be sure to not leave the water running the entire time you are washing dishes.** Today's dishwashers are more efficient than washing all your dishes by hand with the water running, so if you don't have one, just fill up one side of the sink with soapy water and the other side with clean water, or just turn the faucet on when you need to rinse each dish.

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SUMMER SAFETY GUIDE FOR CHILDREN

When summer arrives and school lets out, most children enjoy outdoor activities—swimming, biking, camping, and more. It's a time when injuries ranging from playground falls and sunburns to accidents at the pool and the beach are more likely to occur. These tips for parents and caregivers are designed to help keep children safe and healthy during the summer months

General Summer Safety Tips for Children

- **Maintain constant supervision** of children in and around any water environment—pool, stream, lake, tub, toilet, bucket of water—no matter what skills your child has acquired and no matter how shallow the water.
- **Have children wear** only U.S. Coast Guard approved life vests, also known as personal flotation devices (PFDs), on boats, docks and around deep or swift water.
- **Make sure** children always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle or scooter, or are rollerblading or skateboarding.
- **Protect children** from excessive sun exposure, especially from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Use sunscreen** with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.
- **Always supervise** children when they use play equipment.
- **Always keep** children away from lawn mowers in use. Never allow a child to ride on a mower.
- **Have children wear** shoes and light-colored clothing to minimize the risk of bee and insect stings.
- **Use insect repellent sparingly** on older children and never on infants.
- **Teach children never to eat or pick** any plant without checking with an adult.
- **Call** your nearest Poison Control Center, or if you feel the condition is serious, dial 911 immediately, if you suspect a child has been poisoned by a plant. Call Poison Control at 1-800-336-6997.
- **Always keep children away** from barbecues, bonfires and lighter fluid.
- **Strap children** in a properly-fitting seat belt, car seat or booster seat when traveling by car or airplane.

Sun Safety Tips for Children

- **Keep** children under six months old out of the sun as much as possible.
- **Have children use sun block**, even in the early spring, late in the day and on cloudy days. (UV rays can easily pierce cloud cover.)
- **Apply sun block** about 30 minutes before a child goes outside. If you wait until children are outside, they will be unprotected for the first 30 minutes, which is more than enough time to burn.
- **Use enough sun block.** Most people don't use nearly enough sun

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Summer Safety Guide - (Cont from Page 2)

- block when they apply it on their children (and themselves!). Apply a thick layer all over your child's body.
- **Don't miss any area of a child's body** when applying sun block. (Be vigilant about reaching every area, even when children squirm or are uncooperative.)
- **Have children** use a lip balm with 15 SPF, not sunscreen, on their lips.
- **Reapply sun block every few hours**, especially when children play in the water or perspire. Even waterproof sun block must be reapplied often.
- **Remember** that sand and water both reflect UV radiation, so staying in the shade under a beach umbrella does not provide complete protection.
- **Make sure kids play in the shade or inside** when the sun is strongest, between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- **Have children wear sunglasses**-real ones, that indicate the UV-protection level.

How to Keep Children Safe

from Insect Bites

- **Cover** as much of a child's skin as possible with clothing—long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks and a cap.
- **Have children wear** light-colored clothing, which should attract fewer bugs.
- **Don't use scented soaps** or perfumes on an infant, since fragrances can attract insects.
- **Use safe** and effective insect repellents to protect your child; those with DEET, citronella or soybean oil. Only use repellents with DEET that contain less than 10-30% DEET.
- **Never use** insect repellents on infants.
- **Use only products** that are approved for children and use sparingly.
- **Apply insect repellent** to clothing instead of to skin so that it won't be absorbed.
- **Avoid applying** repellent to areas near the eyes, mouth, open cuts or hands of small children. They may rub their eyes or put their fingers in their mouth.
- **Wash off** insect repellent as soon as possible.
- **Follow** the manufacturer's instructions for

any insect repellent you use.

- **Remember** that insect repellents don't protect against most stinging insects, such as fire ants, wasps and bees.
- **Avoid areas** with insect nests

Staying Healthy At Animal Exhibits

- Always supervise children below 5 years old.
- Find out where hand-washing stations are located.
- Always have children wash their hands with running water and soap after petting animals or touching the animal enclosure, and especially before eating and drinking. (Adults should also wash their hands.) Use hand gels if running water and soap are not available.
- Make sure to supervise children's hand washing.
- Keep food and drinks out of animal areas.
- Do not share food with animals.
- Never allow children to put their hands or objects like pacifiers in their mouth during or after interacting with animals.

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- **Run your washing machine only when you have a full load of laundry to do.** Doing a few half loads during the week just because it is convenient for you wastes a ton of water.
- **Turn off the faucet when you are brushing your teeth!** Get some water on your toothbrush and turn the water off until you need to rinse. Could save a few gallons a day!
- **Take showers instead of baths.** Filling up a bathtub takes a LOT of gallons of water. A quick 3-4 minute shower should be all you need.
- **For you guys out there who shave at the sink, turn off the water.** Just fill up the basin, close the plug, and rinse your razor off in this water until you are all done shaving. Since shaving takes a little while, leaving the water running the entire time can waste gallons upon gallons of water that you aren't even using.
- **If you live somewhere that it rains a lot, put some cisterns under your gutters.** You can re-use rain water to water plants, clean the car, etc.
- **Fill up a water pitcher with water and put it in the fridge.** Getting your cold drinking water from there saves you from letting the water run until it is nice and cold from the faucet, which can save a few gallons a month.

Just because you get water easy at your house does not mean that everyone else does. So be considerate of the everyone else around the world and of the planet, as without clean water we are all goners!

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Deed restrictions in Shadow Creek Ranch prohibit the use of all kinds of fireworks. The City of Pearland, by ordinance, also prohibits fireworks use. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING FIREWORKS INTO Shadow Creek Ranch.** The upcoming Fourth of July holiday is a great time to celebrate your patriotism, but not with illegal fireworks. All fireworks are hazardous and can cause serious injury and major property damage. They are rated as the "RISKIEST" of all consumer products and the illegal use of fireworks is a matter of public safety.

The safest way to enjoy Independence Day is to attend a professional fireworks show that's staged well out of the way of spectators, rooftops and dry brush. In Pearland, both the Police and Fire Marshal will be patrolling all areas of the city to prevent and stop illegal fireworks in our communities. Please help all residents by reporting illegal fireworks use in Shadow Creek Ranch. Call the Police Department at 281-997-4100 or the Pearland Fire Marshal's office at 281-997-4316. Please be as accurate as possible in the location of the illegal fireworks including the address of the property in question. Your name will not be used in the investigation of fireworks violations.

Violators of the fireworks ban will receive criminal citations and fines as high as \$2,000. Appearance in front of a judge may be expected and other judgments may be rendered based on the seriousness of the offense.

Shadow Creek Ranch deed restrictions are meant to protect all of our residents. However, they only work well if they are obeyed and enforced. Please support our Homeowners' Association by becoming familiar with all of the deed restrictions so that we can have a safe and beautiful community. Please call the numbers listed in the newsletter for any questions you may have regarding the fireworks ban or other issues.



CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF PEARLAND

ARTICLE IV. FIREWORKS

Sec. 10-78. Illegal fireworks as nuisance; seizure and destruction.

The presence of any fireworks within the city and within the area immediately adjacent and contiguous to the city limits extending for a distance outside of the city limits for a total of five thousand (5,000) feet, in violation of this article, is hereby declared to be a common and public nuisance. The fire marshal is directed and required to seize any fireworks found in violation of this article and any authorized

deputy of the fire marshal, or any police officer of the city or any other duly constituted Texas peace officer is empowered to stop the transportation of and detain any fireworks being transported illegally or to close any building where any fireworks are found stored illegally until the fire marshal can be notified in order that such fireworks may be seized in accordance with the terms of this article. Notwithstanding any penal provision of this article, the city attorney is authorized to file suit on behalf of the city, the fire marshal or both for such injunctive relief as may be necessary to prevent unlawful storage, transportation, keeping or use of fireworks within the city or such five-thousand-foot area. It shall not be necessary to obtain injunctive relief as a prerequisite to the seizure of fireworks. This section shall not apply within any portion of such five-thousand-foot area which is contained within the territory of any other incorporated city, town or village.

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GOING ON VACATION?

Murphy's Law for travelers: If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong while you're on vacation -- which is arguably the worst time a household calamity can strike. Coming home from your honeymoon, African safari or Mediterranean cruise can be gloomy. But returning from a memorable journey and learning something has gone seriously wrong at home can be downright devastating.

To make matters worse, a house or apartment left empty while its owners are traveling is a tempting target for criminals. We don't want to scare you -- or leave you fearing for your treasured belongings while basking on a Caribbean beach. But it's imperative that every traveler take certain key steps to keep his or her home safe and sound while seeing the world. Basic preventative measures (which take only minutes to complete) can work wonders to help you avoid power surges, broken pipes, home invasions and more.

1. Ask a Friend to Help

A simple way to gain peace of mind while traveling is to ask a friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your house while you're away. First, bribe your friend with some freshly baked cookies or cupcakes. Next, ask him or her to drive by your home once every day or so and check on the place. Give this person a key so that he or she can bring your mail in, feed your cat, water your plants, rake your leaves, etc. If you don't use a garage, you may also want to give this person a key to your car -- you never know when your vehicle may need to be moved. He or she should also have your contact information and a copy of your itinerary in case of emergencies. Do you have more than one person visiting your house while you're away? If so, tell them about each other!

2. Don't Tip Off Criminals on the Web!

The anonymity of the Internet can encourage us to share personal information without fully realizing that there may be hundreds of complete strangers receiving our daily musings. Think twice about posting your detailed vacation plans on Twitter or Facebook -- especially if that information is visible to Internet users other than your friends and family (and it probably is). Be careful what you say on your answering machine or voice mail too. Callers don't need to know that you're not home -- they just need to know that you can't come to the phone right now.

3. Do Tip Off the Police!

Always notify the police if you're going on vacation. No need to let the cops know about a weekend getaway, but do call them if you're leaving town for longer than a week. It's possible the police may go out of their way to drive by your house while on patrol, especially if you live in a small town. You may also want to contact your local neighborhood watch program if there's one in your area.

5. The Lights Are On But No One's Home

Don't leave your lights on at home throughout your entire vacation in an effort to make it look like someone is in the house. Your electric bill will end up more costly than your mortgage, and, of course, leaving the lights on is not exactly "green" behavior. Plus, house lights blazing throughout the night might look a bit odd, no? Instead, purchase a light switch timer that can turn your lights on and off automatically according to a programmed schedule. Criminals keeping an eye on your house will notice lights flipping



on and off, and will probably assume someone is doing the flipping. Nextag.com offers a comprehensive list of light switch timers available for sale online at a variety of price points.

6. Stop Your Mail

Either place a "stop" order on mail and newspapers or arrange to have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail while you're away. Otherwise, a week's worth of letters piled on your front step could signal to criminals that this particular homeowner is out of town. It's easy to put your mail on hold; that's why there's no excuse not to do this. Just go to the United States Postal Service Web site and you can place a "stop" order in a matter of minutes.

7. Put That in Your Pipe

If you live in a cold region of the world and your pipes are in danger of freezing during winter, you have another compelling reason to leave a house key with a friend while you're traveling. Ask your friend to stop by and check your faucets. If he or she turns on a faucet and only a few drops of water come out, your pipes may be frozen. Take other precautions like making sure your pipes are properly insulated or keeping your heat on while you're away. Show your key-bearing companion the location of the water main shut-off in case a pipe breaks.

8. Pull the Plug

Unplug your television, computer, toaster oven and other appliances to protect them from power surges. Do this to save power as well. According to the Consumer Energy Center, many appliances use power even when they're turned off.

9. Remove Your Spare Key

That plastic rock isn't fooling anyone. If a criminal figures out you're away on vacation, it's likely that he or she will check your porch for a spare key. So reach under the mat, into the mailbox, above the door frame or into the flower pot and remove your spare key before you leave on your vacation.

For further information please visit
www.independenttraveler.com

Hot Weather Care for Pets


Summer's hot weather is just as tough on pets as it is on people.

Here are some tips for protecting your pet:


- Please remember that asphalt and concrete can get very hot and burn the pads of your pet's feet.
- Don't shave off all of your pet's hair, thinking it will keep him cool. Leave about an inch of hair - this will protect him from sunburn.
- During the summer many people will use pesticides and fertilizers on their lawns. Keep them away from unfamiliar lawns as this can cause severe intestinal upset if ingested.
- Ensure that your pet always has fresh, cool water.
- Watch out for puddles of auto coolant. Although poisonous, it has a sweet taste for animals and can be toxic.
- Exercise your dog in the early morning or evening, when temperatures are at their coolest.
- Never leave your pet in a parked car, even if you crack the window.

We hope you and your pets have a Great Summer!

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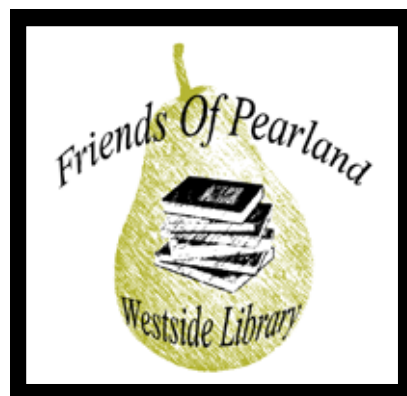
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ST. JUDE CARNIVAL AT SHADOW CREEK RANCH

It all started with a question from four year-old Amaya, as she and her mom watched a show about St Jude Children's Hospital. She asked her mother, "Can we help those sick kids?" And the seed was planted in the mind of Celeste Yates a few months ago to help the children at St. Jude Hospital. On May 14TH, fun was had by all of the kids and their parents as they rode their bikes, the trackless train, got their faces painted, ate pizza & hot dogs and cotton candy and sang under the Kids Karaoke Tent. There was a Trike-A-Thon before the carnival started and trophies and gifts were given out to all the kids that participated. Parents bid on wonderful gifts and all money that was raised from the carnival and the trike-a-thon went to St. Jude. The total money raised was \$5, 872. Special thanks go to the Yates Family: Janiy, Celeste and Amaya for all of their hard work. Mr. Yates built all of the games (balloon burst, tic-tac-toe toss). Mrs. Yates beat the pavement and solicited donations and gifts from various sponsors from around the Pearland area. Starlene Stringer of Starlene Stringer in the Morning Show at 94.9fm KLTY in Dallas/Fort Worth was the host of the entire event.

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Thanks to All Friends & Neighbors that Came Out! Have a Great Summer!

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*(Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training) classes this summer
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Course number (to sign up online), dates, times, and locations are shown below:

17185.....June 11th 9 a. - 5 p. Station 5, 3100 Kirby Drive, 77584
17186.....July 9th 9 a. - 5 p. Pearland Library, 3522 Liberty Dr, 77581
17187.....Aug. 6th 9 a. - 5 p. Station 5, 3100 Kirby Drive, 77584

Classes will be held at the Pearland Library, located at 3522 Liberty Drive & Station 5, located at 3100 Kirby Drive in Pearland, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Participants are required to sign up and pay prior to the first day of their desired session date to ensure a spot. To sign up, go to pearlandparks.com. For questions, call Raquel at 281-652-1956 or email: rgarza@ci.pearland.tx.us.

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- Babysitter-safety basics, taught at the student's pace via an interactive course
- American Academy of Pediatrics National Certification

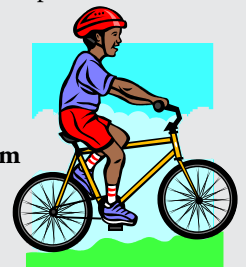
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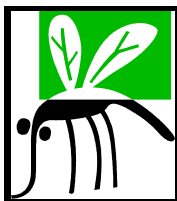


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JUNE, JULY & AUGUST...

are a time for beaches and backyard hammocks. But let this summer checklist for yard care serve as a reminder that there's still plenty of yard care to be done! Performing these 10 tasks of yard care effectively and efficiently will help ensure the safety of you and your property, save you money and free you up for the finer pursuits in life.



• 1. Mosquito Control:

Yard Care to Combat West Nile Virus

You are not helpless against West Nile virus. Use mosquito repellents when you work outside. More importantly, gear your yard care to mosquito control: take away breeding habitats for mosquitoes. That means common-sense sanitation, plus yard care to eliminate areas where water would

puddle. Read this mosquito control article for reminders of some unlikely sources of standing water.

• 2. Tick Control:

Yard Care to Combat Lyme Disease

Unfortunately, there's more than West Nile virus and mosquitoes to worry about when engaging in yard care. Lyme disease is spread by ticks, which, in turn, are spread by deer. Limit deer incursions, and you'll limit tick infestation. To achieve this, plant deer-resistant plants. If the deer don't come to eat, there's that much less chance of your being bitten by a tick. Planting deer-resistant plants also saves you money, lest your garden become deer-food.

• 3. Keep the Lawn Green

The demands of lawn maintenance can be a constant nuisance. And if your grass should die, it can be costly to replace. Learn how to achieve peace of mind by applying

lawn fertilizers on a schedule. You'll also save time and energy by practicing effective weed control, having the right mower and using that mower properly. To begin, I look at selecting grass types, watering lawns and a rather unpleasant aspect of yard care: removing thatch.

• 4. Tune Up Your Lawn Mower

But no matter how faithfully you follow the advice in Task #3, lawn maintenance will be a major hassle unless your lawn mower is running properly. Instructions are provided here for the do-it-yourselfer to perform a lawn mower tune-up. A lawn mower tune-up consists of three easy steps.

• 5. Mole Control and Vole Control

You may want a great-looking lawn, but your mole and vole neighbors may have other ideas altogether. If you want to have things your way, then you need to stop the moles

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June, July & August

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and voles. A positive identification is the first step, as moles and voles look rather similar to the untrained eye. Moles can be trapped, poisoned or discouraged with repellents. Repellents include the malodorous plants described in this article.

- **6. Yard Care the Easy Way:**

- Automatic Irrigation**

Drought is another enemy of lawns. Some erroneously think irrigation systems are a wasteful component in lawn maintenance. But it depends on how you program them. The frugal can save money on their water bills in the long run through watering lawns with irrigation systems, if they ensure the settings are at their most efficient. And there's no question irrigation promotes easier yard care.

- **7. Plant Drought-Tolerant Plants in Sunny Areas**

Of course, other plants besides your grass

have water needs, too. To make your life easier, make sure that your sunny areas are planted with plants that are meant to take a lot of sun. A low-maintenance, water-wise, yet still attractive landscape plan for a sunny area calls for the use of drought-tolerant plants. This article describes perennials suitable for such a landscape plan, and a link is provided to a drawing of the landscape plan itself, showing how to arrange them.

- **8. Plant Shade-Tolerant Plants in Shady Areas**

Do you have a shady spot on your property that always looks bare, because nothing you plant there seems to like all that shade? Unlike the plants in Task #7, some plants do thrive in the shade. Don't let those shady spots on your landscape go bare another year: plant them with shade-tolerant plants. Shop around this summer for shade plants

you like, then plant them after the worst of the August heat has subsided.

- **9. Preparing for Hurricane Season**

A checklist of ten reminders for hurricane preparedness. Hurricane damage can be costly to your property. Reduce the costs of potential hurricane damage through prevention. Some of these tips are simple reminders; others involve more complex projects that need to be planned well in advance of stormy weather.

- **10. Preparations for Fall Plantings**

Don't wait till fall to think about displaying fall color on your property. You need to plan for fall color in the summertime -- and act! As described in this article, your first act should be to get annuals on the cheap and nurse them along till fall arrives. The article also explores plant choices for fall color, as well as how to arrange the plants.

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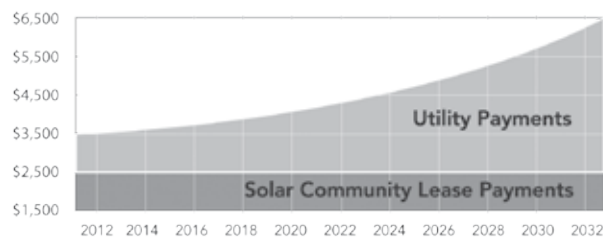
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CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

DATE: Monday, July 4, 2011

LOCATION: Pearland High School
Football Stadium (3775 South Main)

TIME: Gates open at 6 PM,

Fireworks begin at 9 PM

ADMISSION: FREE



*FREE shuttle service provided from Bailey Campus (corner of Bailey & Veterans) & Pearland HS north lot. Join us in celebrating our country's independence. This year's program will begin with an explosion of patriotic excitement! A full-size carnival will be on site at noon on Monday. Stadium and Field seating will be available at no charge beginning at 6 PM on Monday. A VFW military salute will begin the evening's entertainment, followed by the National Anthem.

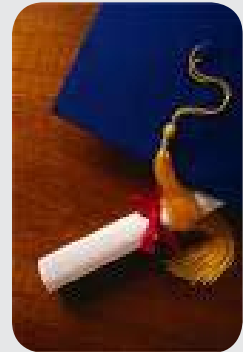
The stadium will be filled with the tunes of Texas country recording artist, Hamilton Loomis. At sundown, enjoy a spectacular 20 minute fireworks display from your seat inside the stadium. Food is available for purchase or you can bring your own. Alcohol and glass containers are prohibited. Activities will also be on site including face painting, inflatables and more! Admission is FREE and tickets for the carnival can be purchased on the event grounds. Parking is available at Pearland High School. For more information, call 281-412-8900.

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6 C water
6 cubes chicken bouillon cubes
8 ozs. fine egg noodles
2 - 10 oz. pkg. chopped broccoli
garlic powder
6 C milk
1 lb. shredded Velveeta cheese
opt. 2-3 T thickened cornstarch

Saute onion in oil. Add water and bouillon. Cook until dissolved. Add noodles. Cook uncovered 3 min. Add thawed broccoli and garlic. Cook 4 minutes. Add milk and cheese. Heat until cheese melts. Thicken, if desired.

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SHADOW CREEK RANCH POOL SCHEDULE 2011



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May 28 – 30, 2011

(Memorial Holiday Weekend)

Saturday: 12pm – 8pm

Sunday: 12pm – 8pm

Monday: 12pm – 8pm

June 3rd – August 21, 2011

(Full Season)

Monday: Closed for Maintenance

Tuesday: 12pm – 8pm

Wednesday: 12pm – 8pm

Thursday: Closed for Maintenance

Friday: 12pm – 8pm

Saturday: 12pm – 8pm

Sunday: 12pm – 8pm

**Adult Lap Swim: Tues., Wed., Fri., 8-9pm
18 and older**

August 27th thru – Sept. 4, 2011

(Weekends only)

Saturday: 12pm – 8pm

Sunday: 12pm – 8pm

September 5, 2011 –

(Labor Day -Last Day)

Monday: 12pm – 8pm

**LAST DAY OF POOL SEASON
SEPTEMBER 5TH**

REFLECTION BAY DIVING POOL:

12115 S Clear Lake Loop

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