

# THE Current

## SHADOW CREEK RANCH

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### BRAZORIA COUNTY *Municipal Utility District No. 26*

The Boards of Directors of MUD 26 and Brazoria-Fort Bend County MUD No. 1 voted to move forward with the creation of a joint website, [www.shadowcreekranchmuds.com](http://www.shadowcreekranchmuds.com). The website is now live and includes posted agendas for Board meetings and approved minutes.

MUD 26 generally meets every first Tuesday of the month. Please see the new website, [www.shadowcreekranchmuds.com](http://www.shadowcreekranchmuds.com), for dates, times, and locations of upcoming meetings. In addition to the new website, 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 the District through the "contact" page on the new website if you need confirmation of a Board meeting. 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.

### SHADOW CREEK RANCH

#### *Landscaping Guidelines*

The residential lot builder is responsible for landscaping all areas on his property and the portion of the street right of way between the property line and the street curb. Plantings other than groundcovers and low growing ornamentals between the street curb and the paved sidewalk is discouraged in order to preserve adequate sight lines for motorists. Automatic irrigation systems for all residential lots is encouraged, but not required. Installation of all landscaping must occur immediately upon occupancy of the house or within 30 days after completion of construction, whichever occurs first. Installation of landscaping, including materials and workmanship, must be in conformance with acceptable industry standards.

Please visit [www.shadowcreekranchhoa.com](http://www.shadowcreekranchhoa.com) to download an ARC APPLICATION required for replacement of trees and to view a detailed list of approved trees, flowers, shrubs and groundcovers.



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## TRIMMING & PRUNING SHRUBS

### *How to Trim Shrubs*



- **STEP 1:** Stand back and examine the shrub. Never start cutting until you have decided what needs to be done. Have a picture in your mind of how it should look when you are finished. Decide whether the shrub will need a heavy pruning or a light trim. There is usually more than one way to trim a shrub. Some look better kept tight with low branching while others benefit from removing the lower limbs and exposing the bark. Take a little off at a time, and stand back and look again before proceeding.
- **STEP 2:** Start by removing any dead or damaged wood. Air circulation is important; remove branches that are crossing or tangled within the shrub. Then trim back branches that are much longer than the others, but try not to cut everything the same length. Keep it natural.
- **STEP 3:** Now begin the actual shaping. If you are new to pruning, just take a little off all over; ongoing maintenance pruning will help you get to know the plant. Avoid turning all of your shrubs into round balls. Pay attention to the natural form of each shrub and improve it.
- **STEP 4:** Keep the shrub in shape. Once you feel comfortable with the shape and size of a shrub, trim it often. It is easier to clip a small branch here and there than to do a major pruning once a year.

*We hope you have found this helpful!*

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# SHADOW CREEK RANCH

## THREE COMMON LAWN ISSUES

### CHINCH BUGS

Chinch bugs are most damaging to St. Augustine grass. The chinch bugs insert their slender beak into the grass and suck the plant juices. As the chinch bug sucks the plant juices, it releases a toxin that causes yellowish to brownish patches in turf. Typical injury appears as spreading patches of brown, dead grass. This pest is a sunshine-loving insect and seldom attacks grass in a dense shady area. Most homeowner will first notice dead patches of grass along a driveway, curb, sidewalk or foundation of the home, due to the heat emitted from such objects.

### INSPECTING FOR CHINCH BUGS

Scout turf on sunny days by slowly sliding your foot through the sod and watching for the bugs to crawl across your shoe. You can also determine infestations by using a large coffee can or gallon can with both ends removed. Press one end of the can about 2 or 3 inches into the soil, fill with soapy water, and watch for about 5 minutes. If chinch

bugs are present, they will float to the surface. (This test will also bring mole crickets to the surface) It is very important to check areas where the yellowish spots and green grass meet in several different locations.

### CONTROLLING CHINCH BUGS

Of the many insecticides labeled for chinch bug elimination, there are two that stand out above the rest: Talstar and Acephate. For best results, wet turf thoroughly with water before applying an insecticide. Treat the entire area evenly and thoroughly. Wet the area with water again after applying the insecticide. Where chinch bug infestations are heavy, re-treat the area in 2 weeks to kill recently hatched insects, unless you are treating with Talstar. In this case, repeat applications may not be necessary.

- Talstar liquid concentrate should be applied through a hose end sprayer at the rate of ½ ounce per 1000 square feet.
- Talstar granules should be applied at the rate of 25 pounds per ¼ acre and irrigated

immediately after application.

- Acephate should be applied through a hose end sprayer at the rate of 1 pound per ¼ acre in sufficient water.

### FUNGUS

*The most common two are Dollar Spot and Brown Patch.*

1. Both tend to prosper in warm, humid environments. 2. Dollar Spot is most likely to grow on turf which is low in nitrogen or not well-fertilized; Brown Patch will grow on turf which is high in nitrogen or over fertilized. 3. Recycling clippings increase the likelihood of disease as they are easy prey for any air borne fungus spores. It is strongly advised that these clippings are bagged during the times of the fungus outbreaks.

### IRRIGATION

Water lawn late at night and at daybreak- not in the evening or just after dark. Be certain yard drains and does not hold standing water.



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The 12th Annual BACH Fun Fest will be held on Saturday, August 6th, 2011, at the Alvin-Manvel Knights of Columbus Hall on HWY 6 and CR 146. The event helps raise awareness of BACH's Early Childhood Intervention and Support Services Programs by uniting BACH families with their communities for fun, fellowship and fundraising. The family-centered event will feature FREE children's games and activities; live and silent auctions; and a BBQ dinner. Children under 12 eat FREE! Meal tickets are available from steering team members or at the door, children 12 and under eat FREE! Sponsorship opportunities are also available at \$100, \$300, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000 levels. Auction items are still being accepted! Money raised will be used to provide services to children age birth to 12 years old in Brazoria County served by BACH's Early Childhood Intervention and Support Services Programs. For more information please call KC Strate, Director of Development at BACH, toll-free at 1-877-714-1766 or at 979-849-2447 or by email at kcstrate@bacheci.org. You can also visit our website at [www.bacheci.org](http://www.bacheci.org).

**LOCATION:** Alvin-Manvel Knights of Columbus Hall, CR 146 and Hwy 6

**ADMISSION DETAILS:** All Children's activities are free.

*Persons over 12 years old can purchase a meal ticket for \$10.*

**For more information and Community Events,  
please visit [www.pearlandchamber.com](http://www.pearlandchamber.com)**

## PEARLAND, TEXAS - QUIZ

- 1. Who is the mayor of Pearland?
- 2. What year did Pearland get its name?
- 3. What was Pearland called previously?
- 4. Pear trees were abundant the year Pearland got its name. Which fruit was the 'money crop' during that time?
- 5. What was the recorded pop. in 2000?
- 6. What was the recorded pop. in 2010?
- 7. Which Pearland restaurant did President George W. Bush visit?
- 8. Which came first – Pearland High School Oilers or the Houston Oilers?
- 9. What oil field was founded because of the discovery of oil near Pearland in 1934?
- 10. What is the average amount of rain in August for the City of Pearland?

**ANSWERS:**  
1. Tom Reid - 2,189  
2. 1894  
3. Mark Belt  
4. Figs - 5,37,640  
5. 6,125,514  
6. 7, Killian's Steakhouse  
7. Pearland Oilers  
8. Hastings Oilfield - 104,54 inches



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## SUMMER IS OVER & IT IS BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

### *Preparation tips to make the transition as smooth as possible for both parents and children.*

It seems that summertime gets shorter and shorter every year - especially if you're a kid - or the parent of a kid. The transition into a new school year is annually greeted with mixed feelings of anticipation, excitement, fear and regret. Summer is over and it's time to go back to the grind. The whole ritual does not only affect the children, but the entire family as a whole. Sleep schedules have to be put into place and strictly adhered to, eating schedules redefined, homework and curfew rules, television, clothing the list seems endless. When school time comes around we all have to work, as a family unit to make the transition smooth and as pleasant as possible.

### **Here are a few suggestions:**

**1. Bedtimes.** It seems that parents never get enough sleep while their children feel they get too much. After staying up late, enjoying the long days of summer it is time to create and enforce sleeping schedules. Be warned, for the majority this may not be easy but your efforts will be well worth it. You certainly don't want to send a tired and cranky child off to a busy day at school. Try enforcing new routines two to three weeks prior to the beginning of a new school year. This should give everyone plenty of time to iron out the wrinkles, work through the arguments and adjust to a good night's sleep in preparation for the busy days that lie ahead.

**2. Eating schedules.** During the summer do you find your family eating later and later? Or, perhaps family members have gotten into the habit of fending for themselves in order to adhere to their own active summer time social schedules? Now is the time to put an end to this. A family style, sit down dinner is in order and is a wonderful way for family members to be together and communicate events of the day. Also, keep in mind that lunch is rarely served at noontime in school. It may be a good idea to schedule your meals at home earlier in the day as well.

**3. Homework and curfew rules.** Before school starts plan a homework and curfew schedule. Sit down and discuss the rules with your children. Be sure that they know these rules are not to be broken. Is the television allowed on? When is homework to be done? How late is the telephone allowed? What is the school night curfew?



**4. Clothing.** Of course, the start of a new school year also means new clothes. Before going school shopping with your children discuss what types of clothing will and will not be allowed. Also, try getting into the habit of having outfits prepared the night before to eliminate some of the last minute, frantic rushing around. Have older kids take responsibility for laundering, ironing and caring for their clothing. If you have younger kids, keep in mind that they will be wearing these clothes all day. Going to the bathroom may be a problem for very young kids if they are forced to contend with zippers and difficult buttons and snaps. Try to choose close that require little effort and encourage them to ask their teacher for help to avoid any accidents.

As a family, work together. Remember, back to school does not just effect the lives of your children but the entire family unit as well. Create and discuss new rules and schedules. Listen to and consider feedback from other family members, they might just have something to contribute that you hadn't thought of. Once a rule or schedule is accepted and decided upon enforce it. Stand your ground and be clear that there is to be no argument about it. It is possible to start a new school year smoothly and enjoy it.

*By: Bobbie Lopez  
On-Site Manager*



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## HOW DO YOUR CHILDREN GET TO & FROM SCHOOL?

If they walk, take a bike or ride the bus, there are important safety tips parents should be aware of to ensure your little scholars make it to the classroom and back home safely. During the back-to-school season — in August and September — at Children's Medical Center, the Emergency Department sees an increase in trauma-related pedestrian, bicycle and school bus injuries — many of which are preventable by following some simple safety guidelines.

### WALKING

*To prevent accidents, follow these tips for pedestrian safety:*

- Children should walk with an adult until they are at least 10 years old, and they should hold

a grown-up's hand when they cross the street or are in parking lots.

- Always cross the street at a corner or at a crosswalk; cross with a crossing guard if there is one.
- Walk on a sidewalk
- Look left, then right, then left again before crossing the street. Continue looking while you cross.
- After dark, make sure children wear light-colored clothing or clothing with reflective material.
- Only cross in front of a bus when the driver says it is safe to do so.
- Do not cross behind the bus or where a driver cannot see you.
- Do not run onto a street for a ball, pet or any other reason.



- Children should always play in a backyard or playground when they are outside and stay away from streets or parking lots whenever possible.

### RIDING A BIKE

- Make sure your child wears a helmet that fits properly.
- Make sure the bike is the right size for your child.
- Bike helmets are for biking; they should not be worn on the playground or where the straps could become tangled on equipment.
- Learn and obey all traffic laws. Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible.
- Do not ride a bicycle when it is dark, foggy or in other low-

visibility conditions.

### RIDING A BUS

- Keep out of the danger zone. The bus driver can't see you if you're standing closer than 10 feet to the bus.
- If something falls under the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up yourself.
- While waiting for the bus, stay in a safe place away from the street.
- When you get on or off the bus, look for the bus safety lights and make sure they are flashing.
- Be alert to traffic.
- When the bus driver says it is safe to cross the street, remember to cross in front of the bus.

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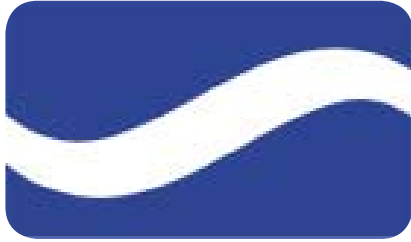
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Ashley Jewel Alexander graduated from Brown University on May 29, 2011. Her concentration was Urban Planning,



so she is thrilled to see the boom in commercial and real estate development in and around Pearland. Ashley is also looking for employment. If you know of a company that's in need of a bright, detailed oriented person, please contact her at [ajalexan@gmail.com](mailto:ajalexan@gmail.com).

*Submitted by Avis Wimbush*

## Recipe of the Month GRANNY'S COLE SLAW

### Ingredients

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. celery seed
- 2 T. vinegar
- ½ head cabbage, shredded

Mix mayonnaise, sugar, salt, vinegar, & celery seed. (May want to adjust to taste.) Shred cabbage. Mix with dressing. Is better make several hours ahead.

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## SHADOW CREEK RANCH POOL SCHEDULE 2011



### EMERALD BAY LAP POOL:

*11814 N Clear Lake Loop*

Closed Mondays and Thursdays for Maintenance

**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*

Closed Tuesdays for Maintenance

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### DIAMOND BAY WATER PARK:

*2034 Trinity Bay Drive*

Closed Wednesdays for Maintenance

**May 28 – 30, 2011**

**(Memorial Holiday Weekend)**

Saturday: 10am – 8pm

Sunday: 12pm – 8pm

Monday: 10am – 8pm

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