

# THE Current

## SHADOW CREEK RANCH

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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SHADOW CREEK RANCH

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## Get Involved In The PTO


There is nothing in the world more important to us than our kids and our commitment to prepare them to find success and happiness in life. And no one will ever be as thoughtful regarding our child's well-being than us, the parents. But even so, most parents have an arm's length relationship with their child's school, unaware how their participation would greatly enhance the educational and life experiences their children need. Our Shadow Creek Ranch schools do a fine job, but with your help, our children can have an educational experience second to none. Your Parent Teacher Organization, or PTO, is the mechanism that allows you to reach into your child's school and make a difference.

Why should you get involved? Being involved enables you to have a voice in school decisions that directly affect your children and community. And through the PTO, parents, teachers, administrators, and others work together for quality education and a true partnership between home and school. The interaction will also better connect you to your child's school and what goes on, help you learn about special programs, grade level testing, school events, book sales, etc. And research shows that when parents are involved in their children's education the children are more likely to earn better grades, have better social skills, show improved behavior, be more positive in their attitude toward school, complete homework assignments, and continue toward higher education. And attending PTO meetings will give you the confidence to speak with others knowledgeably about the quality of your child's education.

How can you benefit by joining the PTO? More than ever, it is important to stay informed on what's happening in your child's school. The PTO offers you a great opportunity to get to know your child's teachers, administrators, and other parent in your community who are involved in issues that affect your child. Also, being part of your PTO will be a source of pride for your child; every time something is mentioned at school concerning the PTO they will know their mom or dad were involved. You'll show your children that not only are they important to you, but their education is as well. They'll see you taking a stand to make education better for them and their peers, and chances are they'll do the same.

How do you get involved? Participation is available to any parent concerned with the education, health, and welfare of their child. The monthly meeting is scheduled in the evening as most of our parents work outside the home during the day. And you can make a difference for your child just by attending a PTO meeting, listening to others, sharing your views, and looking for a ways to become involved.

So whether your child attends York, Marek, Wilder or Nolan Ryan, give them a call and ask for the date of the next PTO meeting. Don't just be a spectator. Join your PTO. Be heard. And let your children see you making a difference.



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## Pearland Theatre Guild to Produce Vintage Hitchcock

*A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry at the Pearl Theater October 12 – 28, 2012*

If you are like me, you have often heard stories from your parents or grandparents about how it was in the “Old Days”, when there were no televisions or video games, and when walking uphill to school barefoot was evidently the norm. “When I was your age, after dinner we would sit around the one radio we owned and listen to the Radio Stories, and we were so excited to hear of the next adventure!” Those “Adventures” were performed live for the radio listeners. All of the sound effects the listener would hear were actually performed by the actors themselves or what is known as a sound effects artist or Foley Artist (in film). So, the half coconuts clapping on a board for horses, is actually not a cliché!

You will not want to miss out seeing how these plays were produced live and in person. In the digital age of the Internet and YouTube, there is very little left to the imagination, and there are sound files available for just about every noise there is. In fact, “we were surprised to find out that most movies purchase the same sound bites for their sound effects, so if you hear a train in a movie, most likely that is the same train sound from the last movie you saw with a train! Same for the sounds of birds, and animals, and rain and thunder!” say Assistant Director Robyn LeGris.

With this production of Vintage Hitchcock, the sound effects will be made on the stage for the audience to witness, the handful of actors portraying dozens of characters will be “acting” for the “radio” audience and the entire Pearl Theater will be transformed to the 1940’s! The Play itself is an evening of adaptations of three early films directed by Alfred Hitchcock: “The Lodger”, “Sabotage”, and “The 39 Steps”. In true Hitchcock fashion, the musical underscoring and live sound effects are sure to make the suspense of the stories come to life to all those in attendance.

The Pearland Theater Guild is very proud to be the first theater to run this play in the Houston Metropolitan area. So put on your red lipstick, and suspenders and meet us at the Pearl Theater!

The show opens Friday, October 12 and runs three weekends. There will no show Sunday, Oct. 14. Regular tickets are \$15, seniors and students tickets are \$13 and Thursday performances are just \$10! More information and tickets are available at [www.pearl-theater.com](http://www.pearl-theater.com) or make reservations by phone at (713) 340-2540. The Pearl Theater is located in the northwest area of Shadow Creek at 14803 Park Alameda Dr., Houston, TX 77047.



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A photograph showing three carved jack-o'-lanterns (pumpkins) placed inside the front of a car. The pumpkins are illuminated from within, casting a warm orange glow. One pumpkin is on the left, one in the center, and one on the right, partially behind the steering wheel. The background is dark, suggesting the interior of the car at night.

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Amidst the trebuchet launch site, and our yearly Pumpkin Patch, you'll find fun activities and entertainment for the entire family: inflatable games, pony rides, face painting, a dunking booth, carnival games, and kids can catch a great ride in our uniquely decorated barrel train. There's also a kids costume contest and the 2012 Pumpkin Chunkin Champion crowning.

Relax to some great music as well as great food, and make this your family's seasonal favorite. Come dressed in costume and join us at the festival from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm October 27.

The Pumpkin Chunkin Festival is a community outreach mission sponsored by Shepherd of the Heart since 2008.



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*(Next to the Pearland Town Center Water Tower and across from  
Gringo's Mexican Restaurant)*

Early Voting Dates:  
Monday, October 22, 2012 thru Friday, November 2, 2012  
(First week 8am-5pm, Saturday 7am-7pm, Sunday 1pm-6pm,  
Second Week 7am-7pm)

Election Day Voting Location:  
Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (7am-7pm)  
Precinct 59--*(Geographically includes the Shadow Creek Ranch  
area north of 518, West of 288 and East of Kingsley Dr., the north  
boundary is the Brazoria County/Harris County line.)*

Shadow Creek Ranch  
Village of Emerald Bay Recreation Center  
11814 North Clear Lake Loop  
Pearland, Texas 77584

Precinct 50--*(Geographically includes Shadow Creek Ranch  
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