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Last year, the hospital began offering a series of childbirth education classes on campus, with the goal of providing new and experienced moms with important information on preparing for the arrival of their baby. To date, more than 100 families have participated in the classes.

Classes cover topics such as preparing for childbirth, breastfeeding, newborn care, infant CPR and safety. New big brothers and big sisters can also participate in sibling classes which aim to help ease their anxiety of having a new baby in the home. The classes are a great resource for first-time parents as well as experienced ones who may want to refresh their skills or pick up new ones. New moms interested in birthing at Memorial Hermann Pearland can receive a tour of the rooms and learn more about available amenities.

“Our classes are open to anyone preparing for a new addition to their family,” says Jennifer Robert, RN, Lactation Consultant and Perinatal Patient Education Specialist at Memorial Hermann Pearland. “We are proud to offer this comprehensive group of courses for parents and siblings to better serve our community. The infant CPR class, in particular, is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents or anyone caring for a newborn to learn this important lifesaving technique.”

“By attending the classes I felt more comfortable going into labor,”

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## SHADOW CREEK GIRLS WIN 1ST PLACE

The U14 Shadow Creek girls Select team wrapped up the season on a high note with a 1st place finish in the South Texas Youth Soccer Fall Championship Tournament in Beaumont, TX. The girls were victorious in all three games of the round robin without a goal scored against them: 2-0, 4-0, 2-0.

Team players: Sophia Anton, Nia Baker, Elena Chalastaras, Allyson Collins, Kayla De Leon, Isabella Detert, Valeria Jimenez, Morgan Jones, Grace Laase, Camila Luevano, Nisa Rodriguez, Naiya Singleton, Lizette Villanueva, Naomi Williams, and Keiko Yesland. Coaches Joshua Laase and Todd Yesland.

Shadow Creek Soccer has over 1,000 recreation players age 4-14 and has recently seen success with its new Select program. Teams are formed after spring tryouts and are open to anyone in the Pearland and the greater Houston area. For more information, visit [www.shadowcreeksports.org](http://www.shadowcreeksports.org). Recreation league begins late March, and registration is open now.

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said Pearland resident Alyssa Farber. “The coping and breathing techniques were very helpful when the time came. We also loved that the hospital is a seven-minute drive from our home, so we never had to worry about heavy traffic or parking.”

The Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum rooms offered at the hospital were another key feature that stood out to Farber and her husband, Bryce. The large rooms give new parents the opportunity to remain in the same room throughout the entire birthing process without having to transfer floors.

When Farber delivered her newborn son, Colby, she remembers feeling like a VIP. “We felt really welcomed and it was as if everyone was sharing in the experience and excitement of his arrival.” While the excitement resonated throughout the floor, she emphasized that staff was not overly invasive and very respectful of the new family’s bonding time.

Recently Memorial Hermann Pearland won an international award for its role in breastfeeding support. The hospital’s team of skilled and knowledgeable IBCLC® lactation consultants provide a full spectrum of services to help mothers feel confident before, during and after delivery.

“I had no idea breastfeeding could be complicated so it was helpful to learn proper techniques and to be made aware of all of

the resources,” said Farber. “When things happened once we left the hospital, I would remember what I learned in my classes.”

The hospital is also the only breast pump rental facility on the west side of Pearland.

Addressing the needs of women at risk

Last year, Memorial Hermann Pearland and maternal-fetal medicine specialists with McGovern Medical School at UTHealth opened a High-Risk Pregnancy Clinic – the only one of its kind in the Pearland area offering high-level obstetrical ultrasound including 3-D imaging, prenatal testing, genetic counseling, and high-risk pregnancy consultation. The clinic also offers co-management for maternal diabetes and hypertension, and management of other medical or obstetrical conditions.

“High-risk pregnancies are on the rise in the United States and the need for specialized and personalized care is essential to ensure the best possible outcome for both mom and baby,” says Kelly Ochoa, RN, Chief Nursing Officer of Memorial Hermann Pearland. Patients who are deemed high-risk often require frequent visits to a maternal-fetal medicine specialist.

“There are limited options in the community for this high level of care, and our goal is to provide convenient access to specialized services for our patients,” added Ochoa.

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## STOP, LOOK, LISTEN - SCR WE HAVE A PROBLEM!

We have multiple problems and they are all related to pedestrian, bicycle, and car safety. Since the middle of September of this year, we have had several auto-pedestrian and auto-bicycle accidents in our neighborhood. Except for a School Crossing Guard, all other victims have been children.

Hopefully, you are horrified enough to keep reading. There are many reasons why we are seeing these accidents and we are extremely lucky that we have not had a fatal accident – yet. Distracted and reckless driving, flagrant violations of the most basic traffic laws, and a complete lack of respect for school zones and crossing guards are at epidemic levels in our neighborhood. Too many of our children, regardless of their age, are not practicing common sense “defensive” walking or bicycling.

A multi-faceted problem requires a multi-faceted solution and it will require the participation and vigilance of every single one of the residents of Shadow Creek Ranch.

### DRIVERS

- Obey the speed limit. We simply have too many children and adults walking and cycling throughout our neighborhood day and night for this to be optional.
- Stop signs are NOT optional. At least two of the accidents noted above were caused by drivers failing to observe a stop

sign – instead, they performed a “rolling stop.” It is illegal, it is dangerous, and it is rampant.

- Observe School zones. The speed limit during a School Zone is 20 mph. The use of a cell phone while in a School Zone is prohibited.
- Respect School Crossing Guards and follow their directions. They are performing an extremely necessary service to our entire community.
- Be especially attentive around crosswalks (not just in School zones) and when turning into neighborhood sections. No matter how well we instruct our children, we are the adults.

### PARENTS

- As parents, we must teach our children how to walk and bike “defensively.” These lessons must be reviewed frequently, no matter the child’s age. In fact, teenagers are more at risk than younger children.
- We have quite a few teenagers learning to drive, and they must be encouraged to drive defensively and take great care to watch for other vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycle riders.

### CHILDREN/PEDESTRIAN

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bicycle or on foot.

- Make eye contact with drivers and ensure they are stopping before crossing a street, regardless of whether you are in a crosswalk.
- Look left, look right, and look left again before crossing any intersection. Keep looking as you cross!
- Do not use a device while walking or cycling. Remove headphones when crossing an intersection.
- Wear a helmet whenever riding a bicycle.
- Do not carry too many items or too much weight while bicycling.
- All bicycles should have lights so that cars can see them when it is dark. Remember that in the first few months of the school year, our high school students are riding in the dark.
- Walk your bicycles across all crosswalks.
- Always follow the instructions of the School Crossing Guard.

## SCHOOLS

- Alvin ISD has been working closely with the City of Pearland to make necessary changes to the School zones in Shadow Creek Ranch. These changes involve the duration, length, and signage.
- Alvin ISD also plans to disseminate information to parents

regarding walking and bicycling safety tips.

- Alvin ISD Police will continue partnering with the Pearland Police Department and the City of Pearland in the interest of student safety.

## CITY OF PEARLAND

- The City of Pearland has been working closely with Alvin ISD to make necessary changes to the School zones in Shadow Creek Ranch. These changes involve the duration, length, and signage.
- There has been increased Pearland Police Department presence in SCR of late. It is greatly appreciated, and more enforcement and ticketing can only help this situation.

## ADDITIONAL SOLUTIONS TO CONSIDER

- There are reflective lights that can be placed in crosswalks to better call attention to them, particularly during evening and nighttime hours. Also, many of our crosswalks have faded white paint and it might help to repaint with more reflective yellow paint. It would be interesting for the City of Pearland to study the cost.
- Electronic signage, such as flashing lights for school zones and signs identifying a driver's speed, could be extremely helpful. Again, it would be interesting for the City of Pearland to study the cost.

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## CALL TO ACTION

While we cannot expect to remove every incident of reckless driving or ensure that all children will be continuously vigilant while walking or cycling, we do need to mitigate as much risk as possible.

- Reflect on your own driving habits in our neighborhood.
- Talk to your neighbors about the need for all of us to slow down, obey stop signs, and be disciplined about observing School zones.
- Teach your children to walk and bike "defensively" and revisit these lessons often.
- Contact your elected officials about your concerns regarding enforcement, signage, etc.



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