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Shady Hollow Highlights

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Polar Plunge 2018

The 42 participants in the Polar Bear Swim faced near Arctic conditions to practice their rite of passage into the New Year. The air temperature was hovering in the mid-20's with a North wind bringing the wind chill into the teens. The brave aquatic adventurers never paused as they leaped into the pool. Conditions were such that no one stayed in the water long although several young swimmers did swim across the pool dodging icebergs along the way. This year the water temperature was actually warmer than the air temperature.



Polar Bears Face Onslaught of Weather

Next Board Meeting

January 18, 2018 7 pm
Community Center

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Thanks to Charles and Cindy Nettles for making the plung an annual event.

New Years Message

by Mike Cain

SHHOA President

You may have noticed, work at the pool has begun. The pool is getting a major renovation that will replace the pool lining (plaster), install luderstone around the edge of the pool, and bring all tile features into compliance with the City of Austin regulations. Plumbing, drains, and lights will be fixed as needed or replaced. Work should be completed by 1 March 2018. No other large expenditures for our amenities are forecasted for this year.

As with each new year the HOA Board elections are normally held in Febuary. This year we have five open positions. By the deadline we only had four members register as canidates. As there is no one running opposed we want to welcome the new canidates aboard.

As always, the various committees need your input and help. Every event held in this neighborhood could use more volunteers. If you are new to the neighborhood and want to meet neighbors or help with a particular event or project please get with a HOA Board Member or the staff at the HOA Office.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the coming events and wish each of you a prosperous New Year!

Welcome Back Your 2018-2020 Board Members

Russell Downey

I am Russ Downey and my family and I have been residents of Shady Hollow, Section 3B since 1994. I am a retired State employee and retired Army veteran.

I am currently serving on the Board of Directors and have done so for the last 8 years. I would like to continue to serve our community. As a member of the Traffic Committee I worked to reduce traffic on Brodie Lane and to have SH 45 constructed. I currently serve on the Welcome Committee and I have also been the coordinator of July 4th festivities.



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Jim Bateman

I have served as the Vice President of the Shady Hollow Homeowner's Association Board of Directors for the last two years. In that time I have chaired the newly-created Annexation Committee because I believe that the impending annexation of Shady Hollow by the City of Austin will have a significant impact on the members of the HOA. As a representative of the HOA, I fought for homeowner's rights by presenting HOA Resolutions to the Texas Senate Committee considering Senate Bill 6 during the Special Session of the Texas Legislature this past August. Although we were unsuccessful in gaining voting rights, I have set up meetings with City representatives and continue to provide helpful information to the HOA members.

I Have lived in Shady Hollow since 2001 and think that this is the best neighborhood in the Austin area. My wife and I and our three sons have enjoyed the excellent schools and neighborhood facilities, and my sons have participated on the Shady Hollow Stingray Swim Team and Cub

Mary Ellen Mathis

My family and I moved to Shady Hollow in 1994. Joe and I couldn't have asked for a better neighborhood to raise our children, Melendy and Alex, who are now in their 20s. They attended Menchaca, Baranoff, Bailey and Bowie. The kids were very active in Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Bowie theatre, Bowie band and were both proud members of the Shady Hollow Stingrays. As parents, we've spent many hours volunteering for these wonderful organizations.

I have worked full time as a nurse for over 35 years, the last 26 as a nurse anesthetist. I love working with people and coming together to solve problems and resolve issues.

For the last two years, I have been honored to serve on the board of the SHHOA. As chairman of the welcome committee, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of our newest homeowners and to share my enthusiasm for our wonderful neighborhood.

I would like to continue my work on the board and would appreciate your support.

Current Board Members

PRESIDENT	Russel Downey
Mike Cain	James Elizondo
VICE PRESIDENT	Laura Kennedy
Jim Batman	Mary Ellen Mathis
TREASURER	Susan Morey
Goeff Lawson	Milk Wilson
SECRETARY	Ann Weitzman
Gregg Sales	



Laura Kennedy

My husband, Bruce, and I moved to Shady Hollow in June of 2002. We have 2 amazing children who have grown up in this family-focused neighborhood. Stephen is 20, and is working on becoming an electrician. Michael is 15 and attends Bowie High School. He is very involved in FFA and is working toward his Eagle Scout rank. They are my heart and soul!

I have been a teacher for 17 years and I am currently teaching kindergarten at Baranoff Elementary. I am involved in PTA, Student Council, FFA, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Mar-bridge Foundation, Swim Team and have served on the Shady Hollow Board for the last 4 years. I served on the policy committee and now I'm the chair of the Recreation Committee.

I would like to continue my work on the board because I want the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of this great community.



Pool Renovations

Happy New YEAR!



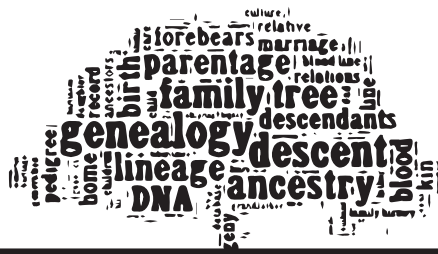
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The Shady Hollow Genealogy Club

January Meeting

Is your New Year's resolution to find out more about your family history? Join us and compare notes, share research techniques, or brag about your famous ancestors. The January meeting will be held on January 16th at the Downing home, 11132 Shady Hollow. The Shady Hollow Genealogy Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, etc.).

For more info, contact Jim jim@jadowning.com or Cindy dragon-fire@austin.rr.com.



REMINDER

Assessments for the 1st half of 2018 are due by January 31st.



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Shady Hollow MUD

December Meeting

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 6, 2017, at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All Directors were present.

Ms. Wheeler stated that C & K Roofing had completed the replacement of the roof at the District's office building.

Ms. Johnson reviewed with the Board a draft letter to the City of Austin regarding provisions in the District's Strategic Partnership Agreement with the City (the "SPA"). She reminded the Board that she had researched the District's options with regard to the provisions of the SPA and the options available to the District subsequent to the passage of Senate Bill 6 ("SB 6") during the 85th Special Legislative Session. She pointed out that the letter to the City was requesting that the City into negotiations with the District to incorporate the provisions of SB 6 into the SPA. After consideration, the Board authorized the District's Attorney to forward the letter to the City as discussed.

The Constable's report for December included the following:

- Worst of the speeders: 50/30 (Green Emerald), 45/30 (Sesbania) (Lost Oasis), 38/20 (Baranoff);
- Community contact – spoke with residents walking dogs, jogging, using parks; regular patrols of parks, schools, parking lots; resident reported smell of natural gas (Tecate); warrant service-brief chase-subject apprehended (Edwards Hollow); monitor traffic in SNOW!
- Assist TCSO: report of suspicious U-Haul truck-checked ok-UPS making holiday deliveries (Indian Pt); major 2-car collision (FM1626); truck v. vehicle collision w/minor injuries (FM1626/Brodie).

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Scout Pack 82. I have volunteered my time for both of these organizations and am currently serving as the Committee Chair for Cub Scout Pack 82.

Originally from Lubbock, I came to Austin in 1989 to attend UT Law School. As an attorney for five different State of Texas agencies over the last 25 years, I have gained valuable experience dealing with municipalities regarding neighborhood development, water and sewer utilities, gas utilities, and transportation issues. I am currently working for TxDOT, where I represent the agency in the financing of transportation facilities.

I would like to use my experience to keep Shady Hollow the best neighborhood to live in Austin. I am interested in protecting the interests of Shady Hollow residents as the neighborhood prepares to be annexed into the City of Austin. I also want Shady Hollow to be a cohesive force in maintaining the quality of the neighborhood schools as Austin continues to grow. Finally, I would like to continue the trend of the current Board of Directors in expanding neighborhood social events and maintaining neighborhood facilities.

Shady Hollow Board Meeting

December Meeting - Draft Minutes

Board Members Present

Jim Bateman, Mike Cain, Russ Downey, Geoff Lawson, Laura Kennedy, Mary Ellen Mathis, Susan Morey, Gregg Sales & Mike Wilson

Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuent

Others in Attendance

Steven Franke

Board Members Absent

James Elizondo & Ann Weitzman

Legend

CC - Community Center

Meeting start

7:05 pm

Current Agenda

- MOTION to approve the current agenda by Susan seconded by Russ. Approval unanimous.

Previous Minutes

- MOTION to approve the September minutes by Russ seconded by Geoff. Approval unanimous.

Citizen Communication

None

Reynold's & Franke Audit Presentation - Steven Franke

Reviewed the audit ending on December 31, 2016.

Managers Report - Darin Laracuent

Reviewed the following:

Office

- The newsletter is going out tomorrow, Friday.

Finance

- We are \$2,223 under budget on the month on expenses and \$1,633 over budget on the year as a whole
- We are \$15,844 behind what we expected to bring in as far as total income is concerned, we collected \$1,747 more in assessments than

expected in November. Last year at this time we were \$45,452 behind expected levels

- Our collection levels are phenomenal for an association of this size

Deed Restriction Violations

- Total violations contacted during the month - 62. Resolved as of today's meeting - 39.

Pool

- None

Parks

- None

Community Center

- None

Special Events

- Christmas Open House - The Christmas open house was a huge success. We had a little over 400 people

Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

- UPDATE

- MOTION to approve the 2018 budget by Russ Downey, seconded by Susan Morey. Approval unanimous.

Committee Report

1. Executive, Mike Cain - Met on Nov. 30th to finalize the GM review
2. Finance, Geoff Lawson - No meeting
3. Recreation, Laura Kennedy - Met Dec. 13th. to discuss the pool

repairs budget

4. Community Center, Gregg Sales - No meeting

5. Welcome, Mary Ellen Mathis - No meeting

6. Annexation, Jim Bateman - No meeting

New Business

- Geoff Lawson presented three bids for pool repairs.

- MOTION to reward the pool repair contract of \$85,000 to Crystal Clear Construction by Russ Downey, seconded by Gregg Sales. Approval unanimous.

- Establish a spring and fall community wide clean up day with common vendors to help with refuse removal. Proposed period for the spring cleanup is early March.

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Landscape News

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Weather and Landscaping

Who would have thought that we would have seen this many days of freezing temperatures, let alone 2 days of actual snow in Central Texas? It appears that the Farmers Almanac was pretty darn close.

With these temperatures and precipitation, we'll see some damage in our landscapes. To what extent, time will tell. The other aspect that we didn't discuss was wind chill and how it affects us, our landscapes and our four legged friends.

The good news is that wind chill does not effect our plants. Why? Well, plants do not have nerve centers like humans do. They can't feel the difference between a wind chill factor and a temperature reading. If it's cold and freezing, the plant may die or have sections that dieback. Wind can certainly harm a plant, even if it's warmer. Wind can increase the evaporation of moisture from the soil and plant, which will increase the die back occurring on a plant due to loss of water.

Humans and four legged friends do understand and "feel" the wind on exposed skin and therefore send messages to the brain saying "Guess what? I think it's colder than 30 degrees!" Our poor four legged friends need help during these times too. Please avoid keeping them outside exposed to these temps. Make sure they are well protected from the elements too!



Irrigation Tips for Winter

With the heavy moisture and cooler temperatures, it's definitely the time to cut back irrigation. If you don't have a rain/freeze stat to automatically cut your water off, I would suggest manually shutting it down. Don't have a rain/freeze stat? This would be a great time to plan to add one to your existing irrigation system. This will help eliminate the "forgetting" to shut off the controller and ease your mind during these dreary times. Contact your licensed irrigation technician to help with the right stat for your system. Stay warm!

Landscaping Tips for January

There are some great things to do in our landscapes in the month of January. Here's just a few of those tips:

- Plan now for 2018
- Design and schedule renovations and upgrades before spring hits
- Continue to check your irrigation system monthly, and make sure you have a rain/freeze stat to shut it down when temperatures drop. If not, shut system down manually.
- After the second freeze begin to cut back your perennials and ornamental grasses.
- Clean up trees by removing low limbs and damaged branches, mistletoe and ballmoss.



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Cub Scout Christmas Tree Collection

Thanks to the Cubs for a great community service

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Old Business

- MOTION to amend the CC policy as proposed and to also amend the CC reservation as proposed with the exception of changing the verbiage from resident to member by Geoff Lawson, seconded by Russ Downey. Approval unanimous.

Remove to executive session.

- MOTION to approve a 3% pay raise and a \$5,000 bonus for our Darin L our general manager by Russ Downey, seconded by Jim Bateman. Approval unanimous.

Meeting Adjournment

- MOTION to adjourn by Mike Wilson, seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.

Meeting ended 7:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gregg Sales, Secretary



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Last working day of the month



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JANUARY

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
	1	2	3	4 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	5	6
7	8 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	9 yoga 7:00 am - cc	10	11 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	12	13
14	15 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	16 yoga 7:00 am - cc	17	18 tai chi 9:30 am - cc shihua board mtg 7:00 pm - cc	19	20
21	22 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	23 yoga 7:00 am - cc	24	25 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	26	27
28	29 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	30	31			

FEBBUARY

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
				1 tai chi 9:30 am - cc happy hour 7:00 pm - cc	2	3
4	5 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	6 yoga 7:00 am - cc	7	8 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	9	10
11	12 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	13 yoga 7:00 am - cc	14	15 tai chi 9:30 am - cc shihua board mtg 7:00 pm - cc	16	17
18	19 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	20 yoga 7:00 am - cc	21	22 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	23	24
25	26 tai chi 9:30 am - cc	27	28			