



Shady Hollow Highlights

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Community Center
Members encouraged
to attend.

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2017 SHHOA Easter Eggstravaganza!



The Annual Easter Eggstravaganza was even bigger this year with over 500 of our Nabrs that came out to enjoy a beautiful day with the Easter Bunny.

There were three Easter Egg hunts, along with Train rides, Petting Zoo, bubble machine

fun and face painting. A special thanks to all the Nabrs that brought eggs, to make the hunts even more special for the kids and also thanks to Jennifer Odem Realty and



Manchaca Vet for their support as well. See ya'll May 7th at the Sunday Brunch @ the Community Center from 11:30a - 1:30p.





Shady Hollow West Park Gets a Refill!

With all of this wet weather as of late, Shady Hollow West Park has developed a few holes.



One of our Shady Hollow scout troops, assisted by a generous donation from our local Home Depot on Brodie Lane, went to task to alleviate the problem!



The Shady Hollow office would like to thank the boys and volunteers for donating their time and effort to make the park a safe place for our residents and their pets.

Community Associations: Three Realities You Can't Escape

All community associations have three things in common.

Membership is mandatory. Buying a home in a community association automatically makes you an association member—by law.

Governing documents are binding. Association governing documents can be compared to contracts. They specify the owners' obligations (following the rules, paying assessments) and the association's obligations (maintaining common areas, preserving home values).

You could lose your home if you fail to pay assessments. Associations have a legal right to place a lien on your property if you don't pay assessments.

But, take heart! Associations also have three realities they can't escape. Associations have an obligation to provide three broad categories of service to residents.

- Community services. For example, these can include maintaining a community website, orienting new owners or organizing social activities.
- Governance services. For example, establishing and maintaining design review standards, enforcing rules and recruiting new volunteer leaders.
- Business services. For example, competitively bidding maintenance work, investing reserve funds responsibly, developing long-range plans and collecting assessments.

By delivering these services fairly and effectively, community associations not only protect and enhance the value of individual homes, but they provide owners an opportunity to participate in decisions affecting their community and quality of life. And those are realities we can live with.

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SHHOA Fire Ant Roundup!

You probably have noticed the fire ant mounds popping up along sidewalks and in our lawns and flower beds. This is a good time to band together as a neighborhood to kick them out. When you treat fire ants in your yard, you're just moving them next door, and they'll come back sooner than later. But if everyone treats the mounds at the same time twice a year, we have a fighting chance against them.



The official dates for Shady Hollow are the first two weekends in May & again in October.

Currently the best proven approach to effectively manage fire ants is called the Two-Step Method. This approach works best in fully infested areas (five or more mounds for each quarter-acre of yard) or where there is little or no concern for preserving native ant species.

Two-stepping includes broadcasting a bait insecticide over your entire yard sometime between late August and mid-October, and then treating individual, problem mounds with an approved mound drench, granule, bait, or dust insecticide.

Step One: Baits

Fire ant baits consist of pesticides on processed corn grits coated with soybean oil. Worker ants take the bait back to the colony, where it is shared with the queen, which then either dies or becomes infertile. Baits currently available include Amdro, Siege, Logic, Award, Ascend, or Raid Fire Ant Killer. Baits are slow-acting and require weeks to months to achieve 80 percent to 90 percent control. Bait products can be used to easily treat large areas effectively. They contain extremely low amounts of toxins. For best results:

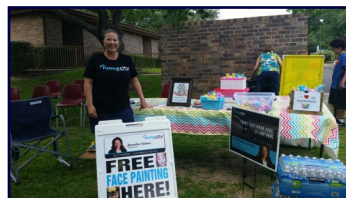
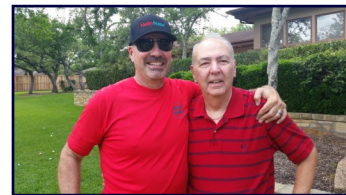
- ◆ Use fresh bait, preferably from an unopened container.
- ◆ Apply when the ground and grass are dry and no rain is expected for the next 24 to 48 hours.
- ◆ Apply when worker ants are actively looking for food, usually in late afternoon or in the evening. To test, put a small pile of bait next to a mound and see if the ants have found it within 30 minutes.
- ◆ Apply baits with hand-held seed spreaders. Don't apply baits mixed with fertilizer or seed.

Step Two: Individual Mound Treatments

Chemical. With dust products, no water is needed and they act fast. However, they leave a surface residue. Liquid drenches generally eliminate mounds within a few hours and leave little surface residue after application. Granular products are relatively fast acting and usually require putting granules on and around the mound and then sprinkling 1 to 2 gallons of water on without disturbing the mound. Closely follow directions on the label.

Organic. Pouring 2 to 3 gallons of very hot or boiling water on the mound will kill ants about 60% of the time. Otherwise, the ants will probably just move to another location. Very hot or boiling water will kill the grass or surrounding vegetation that it is poured upon. Other natural or organic methods include mound drench products containing plant derived ingredients (e.g. botanical insecticides) and biological control agents.

Between broadcast treatments, some individual colonies may occur that require individual mound treatment. Landowners whose property borders untreated areas such as agricultural lands, water edges, flood plains and wilderness will likely have continuous migration of ant colonies onto their properties.



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It's Fire Ant Time Again!

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Managing fire ants in vegetable gardens

Obviously, you don't want to use these fire ant products in your vegetable gardens. But there are options. Few things are as unpleasant as reaching in to pull a weed and coming back with a handful of fire ant bites! Information to help solve this problem is in this flyer: https://insects.tamu.edu/fireant/materials/factsheets_pubs/pdf/fapfs004.2002rev.pdf



Shady Hollow Stingrays Summer Swim League

By Gregg Sales
Swim Team
Board President

If you've been swimming for the Shady Hollow Stingrays our 2017 registration date is quickly approaching. Check out the team web page for more information. www.shadyhollowstingrays.com

If you are new to the neighborhood or know someone with kids between the ages of 6-18 we encourage you to check out the Stingray summer team. It is an amazing opportunity to meet new neighbors and make friends from all over Shady Hollow. We have one month of practice starting around the first of May then six swim meets in south Austin. If you have any questions please email Gregg Sales at shadyhollowstingrays@icloud.com.

SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING				ENDING	
	BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/17	\$120,210	\$30,127	(\$50,309)	(\$7,100)	\$92,928	(\$27,282)
Y-T-D	\$52,208	\$888,085	(\$736,384)	(\$77,860)	\$126,049	\$73,841

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING				ENDING	
	BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/17	\$181,222	\$18	(\$2,638)	\$7,100	\$178,019	\$4,479
Chase MRR Savings 6610	\$31,361	\$1	\$0	\$5,461	\$36,823	\$5,462
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$999	\$0	(\$2,638)	\$1,639	\$0	(\$999)
Compass MRR 2471	\$138,180	\$16	\$0	\$0	\$138,196	\$16
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$178,291	\$7,530	(\$77,979)	\$77,860	\$185,701	\$7,411

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING				ENDING	
	BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/17	\$301,432	\$30,145	(\$52,947)	\$0	\$270,948	(\$22,802)
Y-T-D	\$230,499	\$895,615	(\$814,363)	\$0	\$311,751	\$81,252



By Cindy Nettles

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 7, 2017 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Deputy Rush reported on an arrest in the neighborhood, but said otherwise things remained quiet. After a question from the Board, Deputy Rush said he would discuss with Chief Sisson the possibility of posting relevant information about possible criminal activity on "Next Door".

The Board discussed the status of its appeal of the city's water and wastewater rates. Attorney Wilburn reported that the Austin City Council had approved a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute the settlement agreement and the district should receive the settlement funds within 30 days of the final execution of the agreement. He reminded the Board that pursuant to the settlement terms, the city agreed to (1) pay the District a one-time payment of \$850,000, (2) lower the District's wholesale water and wastewater rates to levels consistent with those that the PUC ordered through March 2018, and (3) charge the District's customers the same rates that the District charges today from April 2018 through full annexation of the District in December 2020. Ms. Wheeler reviewed with the Board a draft of the letter to be sent out to the District's customers informing them of the method for disbursing the settlement funds. President Stried reported that he provided a report regarding the settlement to the SHHOA general membership at the HOA's annual meeting.

Ms. Wheeler discussed the renewal of the District's insurance coverage and noted the quoted rate was \$16 more than last year. The Board approved the policy renewal at a total cost of \$16,512.



The Constable's report for March included the following:

- ⇒ worst speeders: Green Emerald (56/30, 44/30), Brodie (54/40);
- ⇒ usual patrols of common areas, community contacts;
- ⇒ red-tagged vehicle (Piute); report of road rage (Doe Run);
- ⇒ suspicious vehicle: U-Haul truck parked in parking lot (Bailey MS);
- ⇒ suspicious person: seen in backyard, then fled-not located (Stormy Ridge 3:30 pm);
- ⇒ assist TCSO: family disturbance (Lost Oasis); resident found child's bike-will post on social media before donating to Goodwill; report of shots fired (Brodie); disturbance-resident requesting worker leave premises (Hobbiton).



Check the City of Austin's website for current watering restrictions. Remember to adjust your automatic sprinklers or manual watering times based on your address.

Clubs & Activities

Shady Hollow has clubs and interest groups for many ages and interests. See the [full list](#) online.

Garden Club

Join this fun group for interesting programs, garden tours, nursery visits, plant exchanges and more. Meetings are in the mornings the second Wednesday of each month. The time varies with activities. Contact Anne Linville, 512-280-6404, or jalinville@gmail.com.

Classified Ads

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What the Architectural Committee Does for You

Are you getting ready to make an addition to your house or build a new shed or fence in your back yard? Before you break out the miter saw, make sure to get your plans approved by our association's architectural committee.

While it may seem arbitrary from an individual homeowner's standpoint, the architectural committee looks out for the entire community. Aside from stopping residents from painting pink polka dots on their houses, the committee's job is to make sure that the size and style of the project, the type of building materials being used and the overall look of the new structure adhere to the association's design requirements. Not only does this keep the community looking cohesive, it also helps to keep property values up by preventing individual structures from standing out. Of course, it's also important to note that unapproved structures might legally have to be removed at the owner's expense, so save yourself money and headaches by getting approval before building.

So when you're ready to start your new project, or if the design of your project changes midway through building it, send your plans to the architectural committee first so that we can make sure they're in compliance with the association's design standards. If we do find any issues, we'll let you know what they are and try to help you come up with other options. We appreciate all the hard work residents have done to make their homes and this community beautiful—help us keep this association looking great by keeping us in the loop of all your building projects.

Clean, Green Air

Believe it or not, the air inside your home may be less healthy than the air outdoors. From pollutants like volatile organic compounds (e.g., chemicals in paints, cleaning supplies, waxes, building materials, furnis-



Attention lifeguards

Shady Hollow HOA

has applications for the 2017 swim season available at the office (3303 Doe run)

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Must be at least 16 years old

ings, pesticides, air fresheners and dry-cleaned items) to gases (like radon and carbon dioxide) to second-hand smoke, modern, well-insulated homes can actually trap pollutants, thus raising their potential for harm. Several common houseplants, however, can help you breathe easier by increasing oxygen levels and removing toxins from the air.



Below is a list of ten natural air purifiers. For maximum effectiveness, aim for at least two plants in 10- to 12-inch pots per 100 square feet of space. And be sure not to overwater your plants, which can lead to mold—another pollutant to watch out for.

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| English Ivy | Lady Palm |
| Boston Fern | Snake Plant |
| Golden Pothos | Wax Begoni |
| Red-Edged Dracaena | Spider Plant |

Peace Lily (**This variety is poisonous to pets, so place with caution.**)

Tips for Saving on Homeowners and Renters Insurance

Whether you own or rent your home, insurance is essential to protect your property and household goods. Comparison shopping for the best rates will certainly save you some money, but you also can save by following these tips:

- ▶ Choose a higher deductible—increasing your deductible by just a few hundred dollars can make a big difference in your insurance premium.
- ▶ Ask your insurance agent about discounts. Dead bolts, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, security systems, storm shutters and fire-retardant roofing material are just some of the home safety features that can often lower your rate. You also may be able to get a lower premium if you are a long-term customer or if you bundle other coverage, such as auto insurance, with your provider. Some companies also offer senior discounts for customers who are older than 55 years.
- ▶ Don't include the value of the land when you are deciding how much coverage to buy. If you insure your house, but not the land under it, you can avoid paying more than you should. Even after a disaster, the land will still be there.
- ▶ If you're a renter, don't assume your landlord carries insurance on your personal belongings. She or he likely doesn't. Purchase a separate renters' policy to be sure your property—like furniture, electronics, clothing and other personal items—is covered.

Don't wait until you have a loss to find out whether you have the right type and amount of insurance. For example, many policies require you to pay extra for coverage for high-ticket items like computers, cameras, jewelry, art, antiques, musical instruments, and stamp and coin collections.

Furthermore, not all coverage will replace fully what is insured. An "actual-cash-value" policy will save you money on premiums, but it only pays what your property is worth at

the time of loss (your cost minus depreciation for age and wear). "Replacement" coverage gives you the money to rebuild your home and replace its contents.

Finally, a standard homeowners' policy does not cover flood and earthquake damage. The cost of a separate earthquake policy depends on the likelihood of earthquakes in your area. Homeowners who live in flood-prone areas should take advantage of the [National Flood Insurance Program](#).

Summertime Energy Conservation Tips

Summer can quickly become an expensive season, but being mindful of energy conservation can help reduce your electricity bills—and your carbon footprint. Take a look at the following suggestions to increase your energy conservation efforts and beat the heat without breaking the bank.

- ◇ **Cook dinner outside.** Save electricity by using a charcoal or gas grill to cook your favorite summertime meals.
- ◇ **Open the windows.** Instead of cranking the air conditioning on summer evenings, opt for fresh air instead. Invest in an inexpensive electric fan to circulate the air.
- ◇ **Light candles.** Since longer summer days afford more daylight, reconsider turning on the lights and use candles instead or as a supplement. Be sure not to leave burning candles unattended, especially around pets and children.
- ◇ **Modify the AC when you're not home.** Adjusting the thermostat—even by a few degrees—when you're not home can conserve a significant amount of electricity.
- ◇ **Turn off the electronics.** Power down the television and computer to spend time with friends and family outdoors. Splash around in your community pool or have a potluck barbecue in your backyard.
- ◇ **Take a walk.** If possible, choose to walk to nearby stores and restaurants instead of driving. Early mornings and evenings are prime times for a stroll, especially in areas with hot climates.
- ◇ **Take a cool shower or bath.** For a refreshing alternative to a hot shower, reduce your hot water heater usage by bathing in cooler water a few times a week.
- ◇ **Limit water consumption.** Water the lawn every other day at off-peak times, use environmentally-friendly, disposable plate ware and utensils instead of running the dishwasher and spend a little less time in the shower.

Welcome New Members!

Cynthia & Daniel King
3506 Indian Point Drive

Diana Ascarrunz & Mark Luffel
3302 Spotted Horse Trail

Elena Toneva
3208 Ft. Worth Trail

Erica Gordon & Raymond Blue
3007 Ammunition Drive

Ladye & James Wofford
11016 Whiskey River Drive

Michelle & Kyle Loeper
4232 Lost Oasis Hollow

Andrea & Hector Munoz
11601 Gun Powder Court

Jennifer & Todd Troke
1546 Gun Fight Lane

Welcome to the neighborhood! Please come to the office (3303 Doe Run) to update your information and pick up your association membership cards. We look forward to meeting you!



Make friends
Hacer amigos

Earn badges
Ganar insignias

Launch rockets
Lanzar cohetes

Race cars
Construir coches de carreras

Laugh loud
Ríete en voz alta

Gain confidence
Ganar confianza

Learn games
Aprender juegos

Work together
Trabajar juntos

Build character
Desarrolla tu personaje

Have fun
Diviértete

Grow better
Crece mejor

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