



Shady Hollow Highlights



The Official publication of Shady Hollow Homeowners Association

April 2015

Board Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday
April 16
Community Center
Members encouraged
to attend.

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2015 SHHOA Easter Eggstravaganza!

By John Ed Marchak

The Annual Shady Hollow Easter Eggstravaganza continues to grow in popularity as close to 500 people came out to enjoy all the festivities. The weather was great and fun was had by all. There were a lot of pretty Easter outfits and really nice Easter Baskets.

Residents had the opportunity to enjoy pictures with the Easter Bunny and take part in a myriad of activities including: a fire engine themed train ride, a petting zoo, face painting, big bouncy house, arts & crafts, hula hooping, and fun Easter music.



A special thanks to Amy Rogers, her family and her Insurance Company Anderson Rogers Insurance. Also, here's a special Thank You to all the families who brought out Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! These acts of kindness and thoughtfulness truly help make Shady Hollow a special place to live.

We are already looking forward to next year and "Hopping" to have another beautiful day to enjoy it with.



President's Letter

By Mike Cain
SHHOA Board President



As the newly-elected President of the Shady Hollow Homeowners Association (SHHOA), it's exciting but a little intimidating to get to write something for this issue of our newsletter. Still, many in the community have

told us that they would like to see better communication between the Board and the residents, so this is one of my efforts to try to satisfy that request.

We want to make all the activities of the board as open as possible. All residents and homeowners are welcome to attend our meetings. There are a few things that need to be handled in Executive Session, but we try to keep those to a minimum. The meetings are held at the Community Center, at 7PM on the third Thursday of every month and notice is posted both on the website and at the entrance to the community.

We try to keep the HOA as friendly and un-intrusive as possible, so please feel free to come to a meeting—even if it's only to meet us and get to know the members of the board a little better. You may even get the urge to join a committee or express your opinion on a decision.

On another note, our community is very busy. Between the homeowners and the common areas there are a lot of contractors working here. Our pool is getting improvements as approved by the previous board, our parks

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Have Unwanted Plants in Your Yard?

Bailey Middle School is looking for:

- ▶ **Nandina**
- ▶ **Cactus Pups**
- ▶ **Lantana**
- ▶ **Rose Bushes**
- ▶ **Liriope**

Please call Mike Berryman 512.914.0069 and we can make arrangements to dig it out.

Please feel free to donate Crape Myrtles, Desert Willow, Retama, Citrus or any other tree you would like to see when driving by Bailey. We use air pruning these develop a thick fibrous root system before planting in the ground.

Classified Ads

Babysitter

Caylah Moore, 16
11508 Gatling Gun Ln.
CPR certified
282-2696

Payton McIntyre: available to babysit

Fridays from 5-11 & Saturdays and Sundays from 10am-11pm. 13yrs. old certified in infant and child CPR. Soon to be certified in babysitting. Cooks meals & changes diapers.

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President's Letter

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are being maintained, and homeowners are getting roofs, yards, windows, and other upgrades. Navigating our streets with all the extra vehicles can be dangerous, so please slow down and know that kids and pets and squirrels will be in the street when you least expect it!!!

DRAFT March Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present::

Mike Cain, Laura Kennedy, Russ Downey, Pam Baggett, Geoff Lawson, Gregg Sales & Rebecca Shaw

Staff in Attendance:

Darin Laracuentre

Board Members Absent:

Ryan Merriman & Aaron Vollmer

Others in Attendance:

Kyle Hahn/PEC Construction/Service Supervisor, Sue Nogay

Legend

CC - Community Center
PEC - Pedernales Electric Cooperative
GM - General Manager

Meeting start

7:03 pm

Current Agenda

Motion to approve - Pam Baggett, 2nd Geoff

Lawson, approval unanimous.

Previous Agenda

Jan 15 Minutes Motion to approve - Russ Downey, 2nd Laura Kennedy, approval unanimous.

Feb 19 Minutes Motion to approve - Russ Downey, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous.

Citizen Communication

None.

General Manager's Report - Darin

Laracuentre

Reviewed the following:

Finance - February was slightly over budget due to unexpected repairs to the CC sprinkler system. This should right itself over the year. Two new computers were purchased for office staff.

Deed Restriction Violations - 26 residents were directly contacted.

Pool - renovation work has started and should be finished by the beginning of swim season.

Parks - general cleaning and ground work is being performed including the sprinkler system repairs mentioned above.

Sheriff - Travis County will be noting and removing foliage that obstructs motorist view at intersections. The GM will try and assist the County by sending letters to those resident's where he notices a problem, but he urges members to take a good look at their yards and remove any problem foliage they may notice as well.

Kyle Hahn: Spoke about who pays for power and repairs for street lights. Even thought PEC

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It's Fire Ant Time Again!

You probably have noticed the fire ant mounds popping out 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.

SHHOA Calendar

SHHOA Board Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday, April 16
Community Center

Check the [online calendar](#) for updates.

Board of Directors

President
Mike Cain

Vice President
Russell Downey

Treasurer
Geoff Lawson

Secretary
Gregg Sales

Members
Laura Kennedy
Pam Baggett
Ryan Merriman
Rebecca Shaw
Aaron Vollmer

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/



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THE 2015 SWIM SEASON AVAILABLE AT
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BEGINNING MARCH 23**

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SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/15	\$128,789	\$13,378	(\$36,093)	\$106,074	(\$22,715)
Y-T-D	\$23,971	\$239,348	(\$147,256)	\$116,063	\$92,092

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/15	\$236,004	\$54,615	(\$83,725)	\$123,169	(\$29,110)
Chase MRR 6610	\$73,671	\$4,589	(\$50,000)	\$28,260	(\$45,411)
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$21,717	\$50,000	(\$33,725)	\$37,992	\$16,275
Compass MRR 2471	\$137,616	\$26	\$0	\$137,642	\$26
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$226,765	\$63,854	(\$83,725)	\$206,894	(\$19,871)

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/15	\$364,793	\$67,993	(\$119,818)	\$229,243	(\$51,825)
Y-T-D	\$250,736	\$303,202	(\$230,981)	\$322,957	\$72,221

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By Cindy Nettles

CHECK OUT THE WILDFLOWERS IN THE SHW NATURE PRESERVE!



The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 3, 2015 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Deputy Tijerina reported on an increase in traffic stops during February, with a variety of offenses. Officers continued to monitor traffic around school buses.

Ms. Wheeler reported that the city's criticality assessment found the district's infrastructure in very good condition. She reminded the Board that money had been budgeted for potential repairs and improvements, and now would not be needed for those purposes. After discussion, the Board approved the return of a portion of those funds to district customers thru a reduction of the base water rate by \$7 per month for all individual customers. The lower rate will be effective with the April billing.

Ms. Wheeler also mentioned some of the lift station fencing needed to be repaired or replaced. She will have photos of the fencing for the Board to review at the April meeting.

The Constable's report for March included the following:

- Worst of the speeders: 37/30 (Silmarillion- didn't realize how fast they were going);
- traffic stops: expired inspection (Brodie-3)(Shady Valley)(Sesbania); expired registration (Sesbania)(Gatling Gun)(Green Emerald); speeding-late for work (Sesbania); ran stop sign (Sesbania);
- open vehicle door (Silmarillion-unloading stuff & forgot to close door)(Carnelian); house alarm-checked ok (Doe Run-wind blew door open)(Reynosa)(Doe Run-forgot code); resident reported possible illegal activity in Bauerle Ranch (Sesbania); left card for homeowner regarding obstruction of sidewalk (Stormy Ridge); resident reported cars running red light at Indian Point & Brodie-none observed; removed dead rattlesnake from road (Lost Oasis); checked area and culvert under road-checked ok (Lost Oasis); stalled vehicle-assisted motorist w/jumper cables (Baranoff);
- suspicious vehicles: parked in unusual location-checked ok (Silmarillion); van parked facing traffic w/2 broken windows-visiting resident (Saddle Mtn/Saddlestring); crossing guard reported vehicle parked near school for several days-contacted owner-car broke down & was left there (Baranoff); parked at dead end-checked ok (Green Emerald);
- **assist TCSO:** 911 call - welfare check – all ok (First Baptist Church – FM1626); loose livestock rounded up – picked up by owner (FM1626); tree-trimming company reported stolen company vehicle (Festus); family disturbance (Festus); 2-car collision (Brodie/Shady Valley); house alarm-checked ok (Doe Run)(Lost Oasis-triggered by workers)(Denbar Ct); house burglary (Reynosa);
- **assist APD:** 5-car collision (Brodie/Slaughter).

Clubs & Activities

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 (call contact to verify). The time varies with activities. Contact Anne Linville, 280-6404, or

jlinville@austin.rr.com.

Shady Hollow Moms and Kids Club (SHMAK)

The Shady Hollow Moms and Kids Club (SHMAK) is a small group of no more than 45 moms in the South Austin area. Our group invites moms in our area with kids ranging in ages from infant through preschool to join us in events and play dates. We have age-based play-groups which offer more opportunities for your child(ren) to socialize with peers as well as whole group events that include several age groups.

We currently have openings and keep a waiting list for those interested in joining if our roster becomes full.

For more information, please visit

<http://www.meetup.com/>

[SHMAKmeetupgroup/](http://www.meetup.com/SHMAKmeetupgroup/). If

you have further questions, you can contact the group organizer through the website or email Angela Hughes at

angelnear01@gmail.com.

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Sarah Ralston

I am 16 years old and have babysat for the past 3 years.

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Caylah Moore, 16
11508 Gatling Gun Ln.
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did not install the polls they will make existing repairs until an understanding can be put in

place. Mr. Hahn will be doing an assessment over the next six months and will convey the options to the Shady Hollow board. Power is also an issue. In years past residents around the light would rotate paying for the electricity. Currently it doesn't appear that anyone is paying the bills. Do we go back to select residents paying the bills, does the HOA pay the bills or is there another solution. This will be discussed after the assessment. Lights are billed at flat a rate. Approx. 22 lights are in our area. Approx. \$9 per light per month.

Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

Discussed status of reserve account. 2014 ending balance \$114,878.

The reserve account will be drawn down due to expenditures agreed upon by the previous board.

The new executive board will check signers. Mike Cain, Gregg Sales and Russ Downey

Committee Report

Traffic committee - Pam Baggett: discussed debris in creek, working to get sidewalk repaired at bridge. Hoping to have cabling installed on either side of bridge rail.

SoBro - Pam Baggett: discussed open house at CC with CAMPO, CTRMA & TXDot. Discussed design of intersection at 45 and Mo-Pac. Construction could start as early as the fall unless SOS finds the money or another entity to file a lawsuit.

Welcome Committee - Russ Downey: 6 new residence will be visited by Mr. Downey. He would like to continue this endeavor.

5 minute break 8:00 pm

Pam Baggett left at the break.

New Business

Nominations for Committee Chairs

Mike Cain: Prior to selecting Board Members to chair the committees, Mike Cain introduced the discussion that some committees that we currently have may no longer be needed at this time. The Board agreed that it would be helpful if there was a discussion about each committee and the role/function it serves, before a decision is made on its current relevance and who will be the Chair. As these committees' are included in the SHHOA Policies, it was agreed that the policies would be amended as necessary at the April Board Meeting.

Finance Committee

Motion to keep, Geoff Lawson, 2nd Laura Kennedy, approval unanimous. Geoff Lawson Chair

Community Center Committee

Motion to keep Geoff Lawson, 2nd Russ Downey, approval unanimous. Motion to retain Russ Downey as chair - Geoff Lawson, 2nd Rebecca Shaw, approval unanimous. Rebecca Shaw agreed to be co-chair.

ACC Oversight Committee

Motion to dissolve, Geoff Lawson, 2nd Russ Downey, approval unanimous.

Parks Committee

Motion to retain Laura Kennedy, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous.

The nature of and historical participation in the Parks and Pool Committees were discussed at length. This Board feels that the similarities between the two, and the fact that the pool is located within a park, may warrant their being combined into one committee under the heading RECREATION.

Motion to combine Parks and Pool into one and call it Recreation Committee, Rebecca Shaw, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous. Motion for Laura Kennedy and Aaron Vollmer to be co-chairs of new committee, Geoff Law

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son, 2nd Rebecca Shaw, approval unanimous.

Policy Committee

It was discussed that the policies have been thoroughly looked over and revamped over the past four years. It was clear that any changes to the policies would be minor or legal, which would be handled by the Board as a whole or our legal counsel.

Motion to dissolve the Policy Committee, Russ Downey, 2nd Laura Kennedy, approval unanimous.

Welcome Committee

Motion to keep, Russ Downey as chair and add Rebecca Shaw as co-chair, Laura Kennedy, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous.

Long Range Committee

It was discussed that the previous Board had commissioned a Reserve Study that was to be the blue print for our capital improvements expenditures. The Reserve Study spans 30

years. Should any adjustment to the plan be necessary, it would fall to the Board as a whole to discuss and act upon.

Motion to dissolve, Gregg Sales, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous.

Web Committee

Motion to dissolve, Gregg Sales, 2nd Rebecca Shaw, approval unanimous. Gregg Sales to be liaison.

Traffic Committee

Motion to keep, Geoff Lawson, 2nd Rebecca Shaw, approval unanimous, with Pam Baggett as chair

Old Business

No old business

Meeting Adjournment

Motion to adjourn, Geoff Lawson, 2nd Rebecca Shaw, approval unanimous. 8:45

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Gregg Sales.

Welcome New Members!

German Espinoza

11416 Sabinal Mesa Drive

Jamie Schroeder

4213 Reynosa Drive

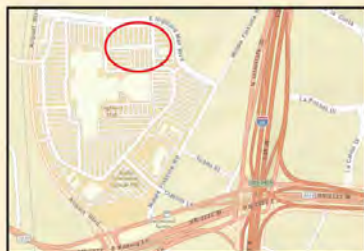
Darren & Karen Blais

11417 Cotulla Drive

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We look forward to meeting you!

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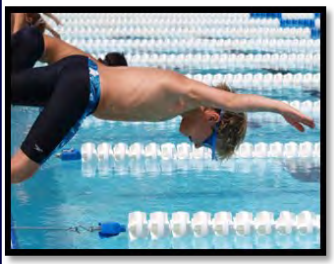
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**Online registration
has begun for the
2015 Swim Season**

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shadyhollow.swimtopia.com/](https://shadyhollow.swimtopia.com/)



UNSIGHTLY GARBAGE CANS

By Sam Harper

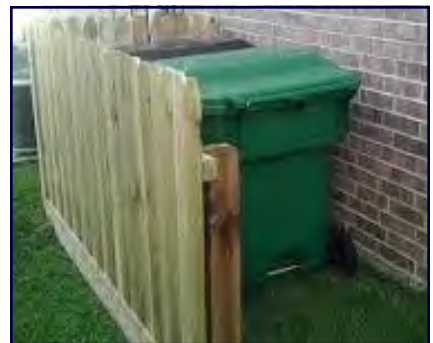
In walking, cycling, running, or just driving through Shady Hollow, I am surprised and slightly agitated at the number of homeowners who violate the Covenants and Restrictions set forth by the Shady



Hollow Homeowners Association concerning placements of unsightly garbage containers.

Article VIII, Section 8 plainly states---“In no event shall such containers be maintained so as to be

visible from neighboring property.” Further clarification of this section was addressed by Board action in July 2009, by simply stating, “Garbage cans must be stored out of sight of the street and your neighbors.”



Most homeowners abide faithfully by the Covenants and Restrictions set in place, but some have become lax and/or lazy in interpretation of garbage can maintenance. It is unsightly and insulting to neighbors when garbage cans are not placed out of sight. Keeping cans in a “set back” area does not keep them out of sight from the street. While it may be an inconvenience to do so, please understand that Shady Hollow has been for many years a beautiful neighborhood and subdivision and surely we all want to keep it that way.