



Shady Hollow Highlights

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Board Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday
April 21
Community Center
 Members encouraged
 to attend.

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2016 SHHOA Easter Eggstravaganza!

By John Ed Marchak

The Annual Shady Hollow Easter Egg Hunt continues to grow in popularity with the neighbors. Over 400 of our neighbors came out to enjoy the beautiful weather, and great outdoor facilities around the community center.



There were three Easter Egg hunts with plenty of eggs for everyone. Of course there were tons of pretty Easter Baskets and a lot of people were dressed up for pictures with



the Easter Bunny. This year, we had a dancing Easter Bunny so the kids and parents had an opportunity to

have a Bunny Hop dance party with the Easter bunny.

The kids were also entertained by a great face painter and a balloon artist. They also had the chance to take a ride in the kiddie



train. And if your going to have a "hoppin" party you have to have a "Bouncy" house. The kids loved that as well. All of this was done with the background of some fun Easter music.



Thanks to everyone that came out along with a couple of key business partners; Citywide AC and Renewal By Andersen Windows.

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.**



Troop 448 Camp Out & Lock-In

By Bruce Kennedy



Troop 448 camped at the Shady Hollow Community Center March 4th-6th and had a great time! Friday night they had a lock-in where the boys watched movies, ate snacks, and slept on the floor. Saturday the troop had a new scout introduced into the troop. Ryan learned several scout skills and had a lot of fun. The troop practiced flag etiquette, learned lashing, emergency preparedness was taught and the troop had a campfire building competition where the winning team got to light the bonfire that night. The troop organized into cooing groups which they kept for the entire trip. Some groups cooked steaks and some cooked k-bobs. They ended the night with a great big bonfire and marshmallow roast. Everyone had a great time!



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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.

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SHHOA Calendar

Adult Happy Hour

5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14
Community Center

SHHOA Board Meeting

7 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Community Center

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



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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/



SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/16	\$135,188.86	\$18,309.14	(\$50,574.99)	(\$5,120.00)	\$97,803.01	(\$37,385.85)
Y-T-D	\$19,087.30	\$230,574.41	(\$116,498.70)	(\$35,360.00)	\$97,803.01	\$78,715.71

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/16	\$226,765.00	\$24.57	\$0.00	\$5,120.00	\$206,043.49	\$5,144.57
Chase MRR 6610	\$59,367.84	\$2.72	\$0.00	\$5,120.00	\$64,490.56	\$5,122.72
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$627.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$627.43	\$0.00
Compass MRR 2471	\$137,903.65	\$21.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$137,925.50	\$21.85
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Y-T-D	\$226,765.00	\$75.16	\$0.00	\$35,360.00	\$262,200.16	\$35,435.16

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
3/31/16	\$361,953.86	\$18,333.71	(\$50,574.99)	\$0.00	\$303,846.50	(\$32,241.28)
Y-T-D	\$245,852.30	\$230,649.57	(\$116,498.70)	\$0.00	\$360,003.17	\$114,150.87





By Cindy Nettles

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on March 1, 2016 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present except for Jim Linville.

Deputy Agiewich reported patrols had been targeting speeders in the neighborhood.

The Board reviewed and approved an updated Identity Theft Prevention Program, as required by federal law. Ms. Wheeler confirmed that management had implemented procedures and controls to provide the security of accounts as required under the program, and that no “red flags” had been raised during the past year.

Ms. Wheeler discussed the renewal of the District’s insurance coverage and noted the quoted rate was \$307 less than last year. The Board approved the policy renewal at a total cost of \$16,433.

Chris Lane, the District’s financial officer, suggested that the Board consider refinancing the fire station bonds to take advantage of lower interest rates that could result in a savings to the District. Julie Houston of Andrews Kurth, LLP, the District’s bond counsel, reminded the Board that the City of Austin requires prior written consent by the city council prior to the issuance of any bonds by the MUD. A lengthy discussion ensued, with Director Stried stating he thought it unlikely the District would save enough money prior to annexation to offset the cost of issuance for the refunding bonds. The Board agreed and asked Ms. Lane to obtain more information regarding costs and savings and report back.

Ms. Wheeler reported the sanitary sewer main lines had been cleaned, at a cost of \$31,155.

Because the three candidates in the May 7th directors election were unopposed as of the filing deadline, the Board voted to cancel the election and declare the unopposed candidates elected to office. Congratulations to Ron Stried, Jim Linville, and Mike Tomme.

The Constable’s report for February included the following:

- ▶ worst speeders: Onion Hollow (49/30), Cornerbrook Pass (46/30);
- ▶ citations issued: speeding – multiple citations at each location (Green Emerald, Saddle Mtn, Hobbiton, Edward’s Hollow, Silmarillion, Ebony Hollow); no driver’s license (Green Emerald, Gatling Gun); failure to yield (Brodie);
- ▶ rescue mission – bird in road, looked stunned & wouldn’t fly away – picked it up and moved it out of the road – after a few minutes, the bird flew away (Edward’s Hollow);
- ▶ report of shots fired (Frate Barker) – shots coming from Bliss Spillar shooting range; open door at vacant house (Green Emerald);
- ▶ **no reports of suspicious persons or vehicles this month;**
- ▶ assist TCSO: alarm (set off accidentally – Hobbiton); underage youth on illegal motorbike nearly struck by motorist – parent called, bike removed (Gatling Gun).

Lake Travis is currently at 100%!



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.

Repair leaks in your irrigation system so as not to waste water. Adjust sprinklers so that only your lawn is being watered. Realign any heads that are spraying too high in the air or onto pavement or structures. Use drip irrigation for bedding plants, shrubs, and trees to apply water directly to the roots.

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.

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 Jennifer Jensen at

jjensentx@gmail.com

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Shady Hollow Stingrays Summer Swim League

By Gregg Sales
Swim Team
Board President

If you've been swimming for the Shady Hollow Stingrays our 2016 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.



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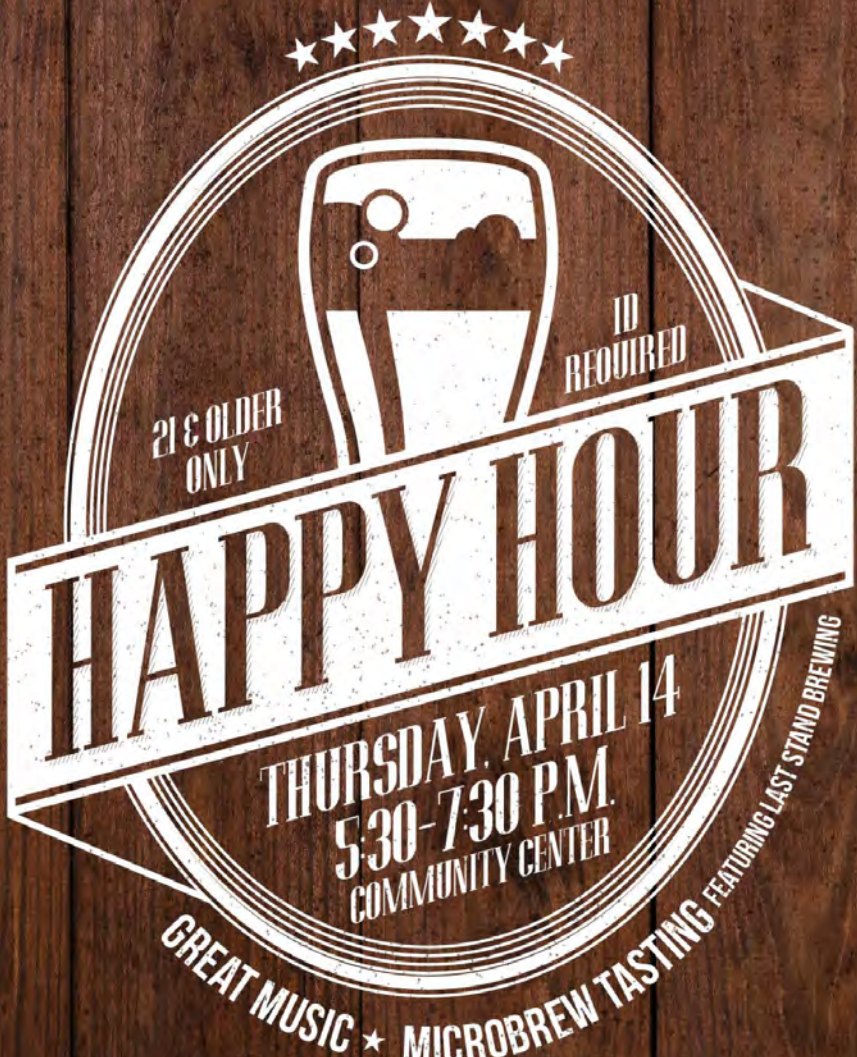
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UNSIGHTLY GARBAGE CANS

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.

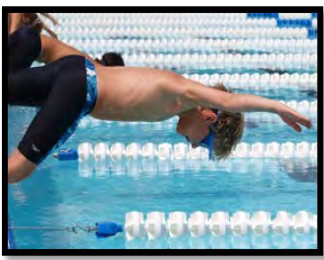
action in July 2009, by simply stating, "Garbage cans must be stored out of sight of the street and your neighbors."

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



Online registration has begun for the 2016 Swim Season

<https://shadyhollow.swimtopia.com/>



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

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.