



Shady Hollow HOA

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# Shady Hollow Highlights

August 2015

**Board Meeting**  
**7 p.m. Thursday**  
**August 20**  
**Community Center**  
**Members encouraged**  
**to attend.**

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## President's Letter

By Mike Cain

Summer is Here (and gone)...

Finally summer, or at least the hot weather, is here. We really got spoiled with a wet spring and a mild early summer. But now the heat is on. Our yards and trees really benefitted from all that moisture and now we will have to resort to watering to keep everything alive.

So, ever consider watering in the middle of the night? I do, finding the coolest part of the day ends up being somewhere between 2am and 6am, and that's where you get the most benefit from watering your yard. Consider programming your irrigation system or buying a timer for your hoses. Your yard will love you for doing so.

School will be back in session in a few short weeks. Bus stops, increased Brodie Traffic (how could that happen), and school activities are getting ready to be a reality again. So, be careful out there, the kids and other drivers will appreciate it.

Finally, the last six months serving our community has been an interesting time for me, I'm still on trash can patrol and also wonder if some residents just don't realize what a great community we live in. How a street thrives (or doesn't) depends so much on how the residents police each other and takes pride in their properties. Talking to your neighbors about problems or covenants violations doesn't have to be a bad thing.

## Before the Bell Rings: Back to School Safety

As boys and girls throughout the community sharpen their pencils and get ready to head back to class, it's important to ensure they have a safe school year. Here are some tips on how your family can be proactive and avoid potentially harmful situations:

- Make sure your school has your child's updated emergency contact information. Write down any specific instructions that should be followed in case of an emergency, and have the school keep them in your child's file.
- Talk to your child's teachers before classes start and alert them to any medical issues your child has. Also, explain to the teacher what he or she should do if the medical issues arise—such as an allergic reaction, asthma attack or seizure—and provide school personnel with emergency medication such as EpiPens® (Epinephrine Auto-Injectors) and inhalers.
- Help your children memorize important phone numbers so that they know how to get in touch with you and other trusted adults. Also, make sure those numbers are programmed into their cell phones, or provide them with a list of phone numbers that they can keep in their backpacks or wallets at all

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## 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. Certified in infant and child CPR. Soon to be certified in babysitting. Cooks meals & changes diapers.  
H: 280-9037 C: 293-1684

## 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.

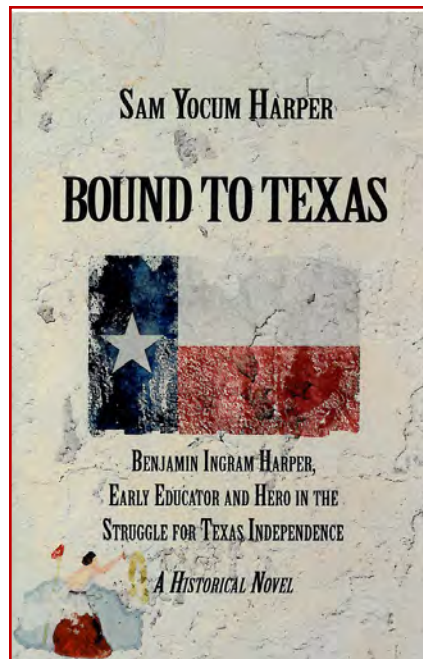
**Please feel free to donate Crape Myrtles, Desert Willow, Retama, Citrus or any other tree you would like to see when driving by Bailey. We use air pruning these develop a thick fibrous root system before planting in the ground.**

## Bound To Texas

By Sam Harper

### LOCAL AUTHOR WRITES A BOOK ON TEXAS HISTORY

Shady Hollow resident, Sam Harper, has written a historical novel paralleling the life of his great-great grandfather, Benjamin Ingram Harper, and his life in early Texas. Benjamin Harper immigrated to Texas in 1833 and opened a school in Liberty County, near Beaumont. He



was one of the earliest educators in the area before Texas became a state. He fought in the battle for independence from Mexico including both the Battle of Concepcion and the Battle of Bexar. After those battles he returned to Liberty and formed another company of men to help reinforce the Alamo and was on the way there when news reached them that the Alamo had fallen. He and his men then joined General Sam Houston in the Runaway Scrape and ultimately fought at the battle of San Jacinto.

If interested in the book you may contact Sam by e-mail ([syjkharper@att.net](mailto:syjkharper@att.net)) or phone (512)280-5681. The book is short and easy to read and follows the historical path of Texas toward independence.

## AISD SCHOOL BEGINS!



The 2015-2016 school year is almost here!

We would like to share with you some very important information that you may find helpful prior to

the first day of classes on Monday, August 24, 2015.

**Baranoff Elementary School** Class lists will be posted after 5p.m. on August 24th. New Family Orientation (new to area) August 20th 9:00 a.m. If you are new to the area and your child will be attending Baranoff and has not yet registered, please go to our website for on-line registration:

[www.baranoffschool.org](http://www.baranoffschool.org). Open House – August 21st from 3-5p.m. . August 24th – first day of school – doors open at 7:30a.m., all students should go directly to their classrooms. Call office for more details!

**Bailey Middle School** An Advisory List will be posted by grade level and in alphabetical order on the first day of school. All that is needed for the 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes are a notebook, a pen and a pencil. No backpacks needed for the first day. All students will be sent home with additional information including supply lists. Registration is on-line at the AISD website – [www.austinisd.org](http://www.austinisd.org).

**Bowie High School** Dawg Days of Summer August 10th - 13th. The purpose of the Dawg Days is to minimize the loss of instructional time by taking care of “housekeeping” items prior to the first day of school. Students are assigned specific days and times to report for pictures, ID’s, lockers, textbooks, parking permits, and yearbook purchases.

For more information, please visit the AISD website at [www.jbhs.org](http://www.jbhs.org)

**Back to School  
Campus Clean-up Day!**  
**2015** Bailey Middle School &  
 Baranoff Elementary School  
**Saturday, August 15th**  
**9am- 11am**  
 or just come when you can!

Roll up your sleeves and help transform our schools.  
 There will be jobs for helpers of all ages

- Raking
- Weeding
- Trimming
- Mulching
- General Sprucing up and more

To support the Bailey Bears, meet at the back of campus @ 9 am  
 Contact Mike Berryman at  
 mberryman@austin.rr.com or (512)914-0069

To support the Baranoff Buffalos, meet @ 9 am at the front of school.  
 Contact Christina Noser at christina.noser@gmail.com  
 or (512) 680-8178 or visit www.baranoffpta.org

Also, please bring your own garden tools if you  
 have them: weed eaters, trimmers, limb loppers, brooms,  
 rakes and trash bags are particularly helpful.

**SHHOA  
Calendar**

**SoBro**  
**7 p.m. Thursday, Aug 13**

**Bailey MS/Baranoff  
Campus Clean-UP Day**  
**9—11 a.m. Saturday, Aug 15**

**Board Meeting**  
**7 p.m. Thursday, Aug 20**

**SHHOA pool open  
WEEKENDS ONLY**  
**from Aug. 24—Sept 27**

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

**COMMUNITY CENTER CHRISTMAS USE RAFFLE - DON'T MISS OUT**

The community center scheduling policy for the month of December is as follows:  
 "A lottery drawing will be held in the month of September for each Friday, Saturday and Sunday date in December."  
 If you wish to reserve one of the rooms for a holiday function please complete this form and return it to the HOA office no later than August 30th. A drawing will be held on August 31st.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE PREFERRED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PREFERRED \_\_\_\_\_

Room preferred: \_\_\_\_\_ West or East

I will accept either room if I am runner up in the draw: Yes No



**Board of Directors**

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**Russell Downey**

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**Geoff Lawson**

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**Gregg Sales**

**Members**  
**Laura Kennedy**  
**Pam Baggett**  
**Ryan Merriman**  
**Rebecca Shaw**  
**Aaron Vollmer**

**DRAFT July 16 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members Present**

Russ Downey, Pam Baggett, Gregg Sales, Rebecca Shaw, Mike Cain, Ryan Merriman, Geoff Lawson & Aaron Vollmer

**Staff in Attendance**

Darin Laracuente

**Board Members Absent**

Laura Kennedy

**Others in Attendance**

Bruce Kennedy, Janice Culp, Anne Linville, Di Di Loy, Sam Loy, Julio Moreno, Melva Demmer, Jennifer Odom, Leslye Swor

**Legend**

CC - Community Center  
CTRMA - Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority  
ANC - Austin Neighborhood Council  
OHAN - Oak Hill Association of Neighborhoods  
SoBro - South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance  
SANA - South Austin Neighborhood Association

**Meeting start**

7:00 pm

**Current Agenda**

- *Motion to approve - Geoff Lawson, 2nd Ryan, approval unanimous.*

**Previous Minutes**

- *Motion to approve as amended - Russ Downey, 2nd Rebecca Shaw, approval Geoff Lawson, Mike Cain, Russ Downey, Gregg Sales, Ryan Merriman, Aaron Vollmer & Rebecca Shaw, against Pam Baggett.*

**Citizen Communication**

- Bruce Kennedy - 1:00 Boy Scouts are going to be repainting the stripes in the parking lot by the CC.
- Julio Moreno - Fence issue. Geoff Lawson will confer with lawyer.

**Constable Sally Hernandez, Neighborhood Watch Presentation**

Crime prevention program with the help of neighbors, promotes cooperation between neighbors and law enforcement. Law enforcement cannot be everywhere at the same time. Needs will vary between neighborhoods. Crime gets people involved. The hard part is keeping it going.

Discussion: Should use community events to advertise. There might be a misconception from the community about how the programs works. Our neighborhood has tried this at least three times in the past 10 years. Interest falls off each time. Does the program need to be officially sanctioned by the Shady Hollow HOA board or can it just be advertised and encouraged.

A future meeting needs to be planned to determine if there are enough interested participants and to provide more detailed information. Discussion tabled.

**CTRMA Presentation**

SH 45SW & Improvements on MoPac at LaCrosse & Slaughter  
Noted upcoming community meeting at Bowie High School July 30th for a more complete presentation.  
45SW - Changes proposed to the interchange between MoPac and 45. Roadways further separated from sensitive environmental areas. Vegetative strips added for more filtration.  
Intersections - The LaCross overpass is very similar to the other overpasses on MoPac and in the Austin area. The Slaughter overpass will be an unconventional but provenly effective diverging diamond style interchange. Reference: <http://www.divergingdiamond.com>.

**General Manager's Report - Darin Laracuente**

Reviewed the following:

1. Newsletter went out on time.
2. BBQ Blues event was a success, 700 attendees, no incidents.
3. July 4th parade was a success, lighter attendance after parade, good feedback on planned events.
4. Food trailers, successful, good music.

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**Editor:**  
**Mike Cain**  
**Production:**  
**Darin Laracuente**

**Article & ad deadline:**  
**Last working day of the month**



The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on July 7, 2015 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Deputy Agiewich presented the Constables Report, and informed the Board of a vehicle burglary (on Accomac) in which a handgun was stolen from an unlocked vehicle. He suggested residents keep garage doors closed to discourage the theft of items from open garages.

The board accepted a proposal from Maxwell Locke & Ritter, LLP, in the amount of \$17,500, for audit services for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. Ms. Wheeler pointed out the cost of the audit had increased by \$500 over last year.

The Board added the Manchaca Fire Station on Brodie Lane and Mr. Haag's offices at 600 Congress Avenue in Austin as additional meeting places for the District.

Ms. Wheeler reported that the City's plan to turn off the water to repair a valve at the intersection of Brodie Lane and Indian Point was cancelled at the last minute when the City crew dug up the area and determined the valve wasn't broken. She also reported that the wastewater line on Treadsoft was repaired as part of the District's obligations in the City's criticality assessment.

Mr. Haag provided a legislative update summarizing the water district-related bills that passed during the recent session.



**The Constable's report for July included the following:**

- worst of the speeders: Green Emerald (46/30);
- traffic stops: ran stop sign (Capistrano/Reynosa); speeding (Reynosa/Capistrano, Green Emerald, Silmarillion, Hobbiton); no driver's license (Green Emerald);
- damage to landscape-possible criminal mischief (Bailey MS); call re: unconscious person in car-just man taking a break from the heat & napping (FM1626); helped search for lost dog ((Edward's Hollow); checked on 3 juveniles out walking after midnight-TCSO gave them a courtesy ride to Buda;
- July 4<sup>th</sup> parade – a good time was had by all;
- **assist TCSO:** suspicious persons (workers going door-to-door on Ft Worth Tr) (salesman-Socorro Tr) (worker for FEMA during flood survey-Edwards Hollow); family disturbance-criminal trespass warning issued (Lost Oasis); loose livestock-report of little pink pig seen running down the street-not found (Whiskey River); vehicle burglary-several items taken (Spotted Horse); recovered stolen vehicle (Silmarillion/Green Emerald);
- **assist EMS** (Stormy Ridge).

The grass is getting brown; the soil is dry & cracked; the rains in May & June are just memories.

**Please limit outdoor watering to your scheduled day & time.**

Hose-end sprinklers: before 10 a.m. or after 7 p.m. - Sat (odd address) or Sun (even address)

Automatic irrigation: before 5 a.m. or after 7 p.m. - Wed (odd address) or Thurs (even address)

**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](mailto: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 playgroups 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/>. If

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

[angelnear01@gmail.com](mailto:angelnear01@gmail.com).

## Classified Ads

**College Student babysits and dog sits**  
 Toney Cuellar  
 2915 Shotgun Lane  
 512-294-6603  
[toneycuellar@gmail.com](mailto:toneycuellar@gmail.com)

**Neighborhood Pet Sitter**  
 \$10.00 1st animal, \$2.50 each additional animal per visit. 10 years of caring for Shady Hollow pets with loving care.  
[lindaslaterl@mac.com](mailto:lindaslaterl@mac.com)  
 or text to 809-4280

**Babysitter**  
 Sarah Ralston  
 Call: 292-8803

## Email Newsletters

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 Go to [www.shadyhollow.org](http://www.shadyhollow.org) and request login access.

# Monthly Financial Snapshot

### SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
6/30/15	\$24,094	\$159,132	(\$77,080)	\$106,146	\$82,052
Y-T-D	\$23,971	\$437,506	(\$355,332)	\$106,145	\$82,174

### SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
6/30/15	\$183,954	\$34,609	(\$31,630)	\$186,932	\$2,979
Chase MRR 6610	\$42,019	\$24,586	(\$30,000)	\$36,605	(\$5,414)
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$1,217	\$10,000	(\$1,630)	\$9,587	\$8,370
Compass MRR 2471	\$137,718	\$23	\$0	\$137,741	\$23
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$226,765	\$112,298	(\$152,130)	\$186,933	(\$39,832)

### COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
6/30/15	\$208,048	\$193,741	(\$108,710)	\$293,078	\$85,031
Y-T-D	\$250,736	\$549,804	(\$507,462)	\$293,078	\$42,342

## Before the Bell Rings: Cont.

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times.

- Let your children know exactly who they can go home with after school if their regular ride can't pick them up, and make sure they know not to accept rides from people who aren't on the list.
- If your children will be walking to

school, walk the route with them several times before classes start to make sure they understand traffic laws and can walk the route on their own. Also, find a friend or sibling they can walk with, and make sure they always use the buddy system.

- Show your children which houses in the neighborhood they can go to in case no one is at home after school.
- Report reckless drivers to the police to help make sure the neighborhood remains safe, particularly during times when kids are going to and returning from school.

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5. Close2MyHome proposed a farm
6. Financials. Notes added to last page of P&L sheet, delinquent accounts collected line item will be moved off the normal report.
7. Spoke to 69 residents regarding deed restrictions.
8. Pool running well, attic has been sealed and cleaned above the cabana.
9. Work on the tennis courts will start around July 27th.

**Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson**

1. \$2,781.00 in the positive on the budget for the month.
2. Better assessment income than this time last year.
3. Spent \$70,500 from the MMR. We are on schedule.

**Committee Report**

1. Executive - No meeting.
2. Finance - No meeting.
3. Recreation - 10 people in attendance, talked about maintenance in general, developed a general to-do list that will continue to evolve as needs arise. Darrin to email list of items to board. Boy Scouts helped trim trees and distributed mulch.
4. Community Center - No meeting. Boy Scouts to help with trimming and parking stripe painting, Men's room toilet needs work. Will prepare list of cosmetic items to be worked on over the next two years.
5. Welcome - Discussed potential for newcomers social. No consensus. Possibility of quarterly social. Possibly add a new residents tab to the website.
6. Traffic - CTRMA presentation provided update.

**New Business**

2. Ryan Merriman suggested a form be created to streamline communication between the community and the board. Board to review draft, submit comments. Form can be added to web after all changes have been incorporated.
3. Mike Cain asked, How do we best
4. communicate to the community? Interested parties to meet 1 hour prior to the next board meeting to discuss options.

**Old Business**

4th of July

- Thanks to Russ Downey and volunteers for a successful event. Crowd was smaller, under budget. Good feedback from community.

**Standing Agenda**

- ANC - No one attended. Need someone else to attend next month.
- OHAN - Meeting canceled due to weather.
- SANA - Met about charter schools.
- SoBro - CTRMA Presentation, Mike Rodriguez: presentation about drainage fees after annexation, Oak Park has a zoning issue that was discussed.

**Meeting Adjournment**

- *Motion to adjourn, Russ Downey 2nd Ryan approval unanimous. Meeting ended 9:07 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Gregg Sales.

## See You Later, Summer!

It's that time of year—while we won't see it here anytime soon, it's time to start preparing your home for cooler weather. As we watch summer fade into the sunset, consider adding the following items to your winterization checklist, and ensure your home is in tip-top shape for the fall and winter seasons.

- Update your window treatments. Summer's venetian blinds and sheer curtain panels won't keep the frigid air from creeping in on a cold night. Consider switching to a denser curtain fabric for the winter months to keep your home feeling cozy and keep heating bills low.
- Schedule appliance check-ups. Your HVAC system, air ducts and hot water heater should be checked by a licensed professional to ensure all elements are in good shape.
- Don't forget the attic. Check for leaks in the roof, possible cracks in attic windows and insufficient insulation.
- Replace weather stripping. Doors and windows need extra help to hold heat inside your home. Inspect all door and window perimeters for cracks or tears in your current weather stripping.
- Deep clean and declutter. Thoroughly clean your home's nooks and crannies inside and out.

## Welcome New Members!



**Ann Zigmond**  
4017 Tecate Trail

**Roberto & Christina Villarreal**  
3004 Six Gun Trail

**Christopher & Sara Kocek**  
11508 Silmarillion Trail

**Chad & Cassandra Crist**  
11556 Gun Fight Lane

**Roberto Alayola & Bedy Herrera**  
3404 Socorro Trail

**Scott & Michelle DeLeo**  
3005 Festus Drive

**John Shaw**  
3102 Ammunition Drive

**Please come to the office to pick up a directory, get your recreation cards, and update your information.**

**We look forward to meeting you!**

## Is Your Info in the SHHOA Directory Correct?

It's time to compile our annual Shady Hollow directory, but we know there are inaccuracies in what we have now. Please go online and, if you do not already have one, request a login so you can verify the accuracy of YOUR information about yourself. Look for those tiny typos that cause your emails to bounce or sends your mail to the wrong address.

Please, go to [www.shadyhollow.org](http://www.shadyhollow.org) and request a login. Once you have access, you can complete and/or update the information on file.

If you have absolutely no computer access, fill out this form for each adult in your household

and take it to the office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_