



SHADY HOLLOW HIGHLIGHTS

The Official Publication of Shady Hollow Homeowners Association

February 2016

Annual General Membership Meeting
7 p.m. Thursday
February 18
Community Center

Members are encouraged to attend.

2016 SHHOA Board Election

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2015, 7:00 pm
David C. Ellis Community Center
3303 Doe Run

All Residents Welcome at Annual Meeting

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Voting for five positions on the SHHOA Board of Directors will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. Members will be allowed to vote until all candidates, both announced and those nominated from the floor, have had a chance to speak. Results will be announced after the votes have been tallied.

- ▶ Our speakers will be:
The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority
Dr. Ron Streid
- ▶ Treasurer Geoff Lawson's financial report will be presented by Mike Cain.
- ▶ Outgoing Board Members will be acknowledged and ongoing Board Members will also be introduced.

Please note the following:

If your name does not match that on the Association's membership list, you must provide proof of your name change, in order to cast your ballot. A copy of at least one document must be shown that night verifying the change of name has been completed or has been initiated within the twelve (12) months prior to the annual meeting. Examples include but are not limited to a Social Security card, court decree, valid driver license, current bill, or voter registration card.

Come meet your neighbors, vote for new Board members, hear important information that affects you, and ask questions you may have. Don't miss this important evening!

The association's annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in our community. Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- ▶ Meet board and committee members and the manager.
- ▶ Learn about the association's mission statement.
- ▶ Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects.
- ▶ Review the proposed budget, and hear the association treasurer explain how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!



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 by March.

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.

Email Newsletters

Over 1000 members have access to the newsletter by email.

Why?

- ▶ You have access to the newsletter earlier.
- ▶ You can access the links in the newsletters.

Go to www.shadyhollow.org and [request login access.](#)

But you do have a choice!

For those of you who would rather have a paper copy of the newsletter delivered to you, please contact the office at (512) 280-6623 and have your address added to the list today!

DRAFT January 15 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Russ Downey, Mike Cain, Laura Kennedy, Geoff Lawson & Pam Baggett and Aaron Vollmer

Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuent

Board Members Absent

Ryan Merriman, Rebecca Shaw and Gregg Sales

Others in Attendance

Ron Stried, Cindy Nettles, Jesse Wallis,

Legend

SoBro - South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance
 SANA - South Austin Neighborhood Association
 SHHOA - Shady Hollow Home Owners Association
 COA - City of Austin

Meeting start

7:00 pm

Current Agenda

Motion to approve – Russell Downey, 2nd Geoff Lawson, approval unanimous.

Previous Minutes

Motion to approve – Laura Kennedy, 2nd Russell Downey, approval unanimous.

Citizen Communication

None

General Manager’s Report - Darin Laracuent Reviewed the following:

- ▶ Had many unexpected repairs this year, but overall, we remained under budget for the year

- ▶ Scouts have been doing a great job keeping our parks clean with their community service projects
- ▶ Repairs needed on the Capistrano park tennis court backboard and the lock has been damaged again
- ▶ Christmas party was a success – cancelled the hayride due to weather, but the s’mores were a huge hit this year
- ▶ Polar Bear swim was a great success

Treasurers Report - Darin Laracuent

- ▶ We had an above normal assessment deposit amount in December 2015 - some question as why there is a difference from last year. It was actually normal for December, as last year we delayed the last deposit of the year due to holiday staffing issues
- ▶ The Association came in under budget overall in 2015
- ▶ Cash flow is good
- ▶ Some upcoming maintenance cost are heading our way, including community center electrical. So far, all going according to plan or better.

Committee Reports

Executive - met to discuss General Manager’s review.

Finance - Did not meet.

Recreation - The General Manager requested tree species selection so he can plant new trees and confirmed that the old stumps will be removed.

Community Center - No meeting.

Welcome - has visited 75% of newcomers to date.

Traffic - 1626 improvements at Bear Creek. Increase width.

Motion to request the county delay work until 45 is complete - Pam Baggett, 2nd Russ Downey approval unanimous.

Frate Barker: Work has been delayed because AT&T has not moved their lines.

SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
1/31/16	\$19,087.30	\$127,712.06	(\$29,270.39)	(\$20,000.00)	\$97,528.97	\$78,441.67
Y-T-D	\$19,087.30	\$697,142.83	(\$578,563.71)	(\$45,022.00)	\$92,644.42	\$73,557.12

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
1/31/16	\$226,765.00	\$24.81	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$190,633.14	\$20,024.81
Y-T-D	\$226,765.00	\$4,935.07	(\$86,089.22)	\$45,022.00	\$190,632.85	(\$36,132.15)

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
1/31/16	\$245,852.30	\$127,736.87	(\$29,270.39)	\$0.00	\$288,162.11	\$98,466.48
Y-T-D	\$245,852.30	\$702,077.90	(\$664,652.93)	\$0.00	\$283,277.27	\$37,424.97

SHHOA Calendar

FEBRUARY

SHHOA Board Candidate Forum(CC)
1-3pm Sun, Feb 7

Presidents' Day
Office Closed
Mon, Feb 15

SHHOA Annual General Membership Meeting (CC)
7:00pm Thu, Feb 18

SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)
Thu, Feb 18
Immediately following the Annual General Membership Meeting

Friendly Neighborhood Complaints

Partying is often a complaint for neighbors. If you are planning to have people over, even if it is just a few people, notify your neighbors. Letting them know in advance will soften the blow if the noise does get out of hand. However, try to end parties at a reasonable hour and keep the noise (such as music or loud games) to a minimum. If you enjoy throwing a

party or two, plan a neighborhood bash for once a year, which can help break the ice with your neighbors and make for a much better living environment.

Another big complaint for neighbors is a messy yard and unkempt house. Even if you are renting, no one wants to live on a street that looks like a junk yard. Keep the hedges trimmed and the grass mowed. Try to pick up your children's toys as well as your dog's messes at the end of each day and make sure the garbage is taken care of. A clean home and yard will also keep the rodents and creepy crawlies away, which will benefit everyone on the block.

If you are friendly with your neighbor, you may find yourself asking favors once and a while, such as collecting the mail and watering the plants if you go away for the week, or borrowing a tool to do some maintenance. If this is the case, express your gratitude with

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Board of Directors

President

Mike Cain

Vice President

Russell Downey

Treasurer

Geoff Lawson

Secretary

Gregg Sales

Members

Rebecca Shaw

Aaron Vollmer

Laura Kennedy

Pam Baggett

Ryan Merriman

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Bridge at Brodie: Should have railing completed soon but no date established - workers pulled off to work on areas impacted by flood.

Gravel has not been removed from the Counties resurfacing efforts in the Gatling Gun area - Pam Baggett to inquire.

Talked to constable about gravel haulers and large trucks illegally using Brodie Lane as a thoroughfare, they will be out looking for them.

New Business

Ron Stried Annexation presentation:

Entered into Strategic Partner Agreement with the City of Austin for full annexation on Dec. 15, 2020

COA will not acquire parks or other SHHOA property

Constable cost approximately \$120,000 year and was not a part of the SPA as we will receive our police services from COA

An original agreement between the MUD and the COA struck years ago stated that Shady Hollow could be annexed within three years of the year 2000. We were fortunate to be able to delay until the year 2020

The COA will provide the following services: police, fire, EMS, solid waste, streets transportation and drainage. The COA will have future meetings with the HOA about these services in greater detail

Pam Baggett requested the SPA be posted on our website

Pam Baggett would like to inform non-MUD sections of the situation regarding proposed annexation. The reason behind this is that these sections are not included in the SPA, but could be annexed in 2020 as well

Set up meeting to inform residents about process and challenges

Mike Cain and Aaron Vollmer suggest we gather more information prior to said meeting

Pam Baggett suggested we set a date so it does not get lost in the shuffle. Mike Cain suggested we set a date for the meeting no longer than 60 days from today.

Fire station discussion:

The MUD owns the fire station. Currently the bond is being paid down by the \$50,000 a month rent that MVFD and AFD are splitting. AFD will take over the full cost of the monthly rental when it takes full possession of the station.

COA will take over all MUD assets except for the house that currently holds their office space

June 12 2016 COA takes over fire station, ESD will be back up on all calls

Election Committee:

Motion to hold annual meeting on Feb. 18th - Geoff Lawson 2nd Laura Kennedy approval unanimous

Meet the Candidates will be held on Feb. 7th at 1pm

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Shady Hollow Highlights

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Last working day of the month





By Cindy Nettles

The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on January 5, 2016 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present.

Deputy Agiewich presented the monthly Constable’s report. He reported December had generally been a quiet month, but noted there had been a fatal collision between a vehicle and a bicyclist on Brodie Lane.

Mr. Haag updated the Board on the requirements of two pieces of legislation enacted during the last legislative session. HB 1295 (Gov’t Code §2252.908) requires certain business entities doing business with the District to file a disclosure document with the Texas Ethics Commission – the disclosure requirement applies to contracts with a value of at least \$1 million. SB 1812 requires any entity (such as the MUD) with eminent domain power to annually report specific information to the Comptroller for posting on an online eminent domain database.

Mr. Haag reported his office had been contacted by the Austin Fire Department regarding AFD’s agreement with ESD#5 that AFD take over the operation of the Brodie Lane fire station. AFD provided the MUD with notice that it intends to jointly occupy and locate AFD staff and equipment at the fire station beginning June 12, 2016. If the ESD decides to voluntarily vacate the station on/after that date, AFD will become the first responder for Shady Hollow and will assume the ESD’s responsibilities regarding the fire station lease, including the payment of rent to the MUD.

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, 280-6404, or jliville@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/>. If you have further questions, you can contact the group organizer through the website or email Jennifer Jensen at jjensentx@gmail.com

The Constable’s report for January included the following:

- ▶ worst of the speeders: 49/30 (Onion Hollow Run, Green Emerald, Lost Oasis), 45/30 (Silmarillion);
- ▶ citations/warnings: speeding (Capistrano, Spotted Horse, Saddle Mtn, Hobbiton, Silmarillion, Green Emerald, Lost Oasis); no driver’s license (Green Emerald); no brake light (Treadsoft);
- ▶ community contact – spoke with individual residents regarding community concerns (on-going); met with resident regarding illegally parked vehicle (Cotulla);
- ▶ **assist TCSO:** home burglary-several items stolen (Silmarillion); loose dog-escaped from yard (Lost Oasis, Knipp Cv); house with open back door-checked ok (Gatling Gun); family disturbance (Brodie/Capistrano); someone in vehicle hid package containing drug paraphernalia in shrub near the street (Eldorado); reckless driving (Brodie).



It’s just around the corner. Time to think about your landscaping – maybe it’s time to try xeriscaping. Xeriscaping is quality landscaping that conserves water and protects

the environment. Use compost or bark mulch around plants to retain moisture in the soil. Choose drought-tolerant plants. Replace some of your turf with shrubs and native ground-cover. Use a minimum amount of organic or slow release fertilizer to encourage a healthy and drought tolerant landscape. Be creative!

Rock the Proxy: It's Your Voice

We've got an election coming up, and even if you're unable to attend the membership meeting and election, you can still vote by proxy.

A proxy is the written authorization that allows one person to appoint another (the proxy holder) to vote on his or her behalf. State law and the association's governing documents specify that the association can use proxy voting.

Why would you use a proxy? Maybe you're traveling during the election or have other obligations that prevent you from attending the meeting, but you still want your voice to be heard.

If you're interested in using a proxy, there is one included in your election packet. Cite the name and address of the individual you're appointing to cast your vote. Then list your name, address and telephone number, and sign and date the form.

The association can only accept one proxy form per person, so be sure to fill out your form accurately. By only accepting one official form, the association doesn't need to check each proxy to determine if it's legally sufficient. It also eliminates any potential problems if the vote is close.

Just be aware that by assigning your proxy to another person, you've authorized the proxy holder to vote for you as he or she sees fit. The proxy holder is responsible for voting or abstaining from a vote.

Essentially, a proxy is an act of trust—the proxy giver must trust the judgment of the proxy holder. The proxy giver may think the proxy holder will vote for a certain candidate or issue, but the proxy holder isn't legally bound by that assumption unless it's written on the proxy form.



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Pam Baggett to reach out to TXDOT for a speaker for our Annual Meeting

Pam Baggett pointed out a board member is not showing up and mentioned options for appointment of new member. Would like to see it addressed. Mike Cain informed the board of Ryan Merriman's current work situation and reasons for not attending.

Community Center Usage:

Pam Baggett concerned about a lack of consistency regarding policy of reservations Example of Lamar Smith meeting held without sponsor. The Board agreed that we should all adhere to the policies put in place.

Old Business

No old business

Standing Agenda

ANC - Nothing to report.

OHAN - Nothing to report.

SANA - meeting this Tuesday at Onion Creek Country Club.

SoBro - Sheriff's Candidates Forum - Scouts saved the day by attending. Scouts asked good questions.

Adjourn to Executive Session: 8:52

Meeting Adjournment

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

Meeting ended 9:12 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Aaron Vollmer and submitted by Secretary, Gregg Sales.

Local Races Closely Affect Shady Hollow This Year

By Pam Baggett



How many times have you stood in the voting booth and guessed at who the best candidate is for one of the so-called down ballot races?

Attend the South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance candidate forum for Precinct 3 County Commissioner and Precinct 3 and 4 Constable and vote with informed confidence. These are two elected positions that have the most direct effect on us in Shady Hollow



There are three candidates for Commissioner—two Republicans and one Democrat. Both Constable candidates are Democrats. It doesn't matter which political party you prefer, you will face an important decision in either the primary election March 1 or the regular election May 7. Early voting for the primary begins Feb. 16, just days after our candidate forum.



SoBro's candidate forum is 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11 at the Community Center. The first hour is for the Commissioner's race, featuring Republicans Gerald Daugherty and Jason Nasour plus Democrat David Holmes. It is followed by the Constable candidates, Democrats A.J. Johnson and Stacy Suits for Precinct 3 and Democrats George Morales III and Manuel Jimenez for Precinct 4.

Scouts from Troops 256 and 448 along with



their parents attended the five-candidate forum for Sheriff in January and got the kind of civics lesson not found in textbooks. They submitted questions such as "What can our troop do to help fight crime?" and "Do you plan a crackdown on bicyclists?" Ask one of the boys about the answers they received.



If you have questions for the Commissioner or Constable candidates, please send to pam@pamelabaggett.com.

Welcome New Members!

Peter Venardos & Clare Landy
11411 Gun Fight Lane

Alan & Amy Williams
12201 Sheriff Court

Christopher & Christina Nelson
3406 Split Rock Trail

Debora Newell
4201 RReynosa Drive

Please come to the office to update your information.

We look forward to meeting you!

Classified Ads

Driver/Companion Wanted

Shadyhollow senior citizen needs someone to check on him and go out to eat. 60+ lady preferred. Hours & pay negotiable
Call Joe at (512) 750-7876

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.
lindaslater1@mac.com
or text to (512) 809-4280



Local Scouts Pitch In!

Thanks to the Purple Panda patrol from Troop 256 for their clean up project on Slaughter creek behind Doe run Park on Sunday January 10th. They removed several bags of cans, bottles and other trash that washed into the creek from the recent storms.



L to R Dylan Hoppner, Jeremy Spotts, Javier Vasquez, Jacob Rodriguez, Noah Smith

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thanks and be sure to let them know you are willing to return the favor. If you are borrowing tools and other gadgets, return them as soon as you are finished with it to avoid any awkward encounters down the road.

Keep in mind that everyone is different. The family on the right may love their privacy and prefer to keep their distance while the couple on the left may stop and chat every chance they get. Respect the cultural differences and choices in order to be a courteous neighbor. You cannot choose your neighbors but you can choose to be respectful and courteous.

Happy
Valentine's
Day