



# Shady Hollow Highlights

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**Board Meeting**  
7 p.m. Thursday  
**January 19**  
**Community Center**  
Members encouraged  
to attend.

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLAR BEAR SWIM

By Charlie Nettles

A beautiful sunny morning greeted Shady Hollow Polar Bears as they awakened from their winter

hibernation for a brief dip in the frigid pool waters.

With an air temperature of 54 degrees, a near record number of Arctic swimmers showed up to wet their noses for the New Year.

At least 58 swimmers took the plunge into the 44 degree pool water and that tells most of the story, as most those who plunged in



scrambled out as quickly as possible. A few brave, hearty would-be ursines stayed in to play and swim a few laps. Warming temperatures had melted the iceberg that had formed the week before; otherwise, many of the swimmers could

have basked in the sun while reclining on the ice.

Once again, participants were disappointed by the non-appearance of the SeaWorld penguins, but we can still hope for next year.

The youngest participant was Louis Hau at 3 years old.

He expressed surprise at the difference in the feel of the pool water since his last



swim in August - a much repeated observation. The Annual Contest to see who would stay in the water the longest resulted in a 3-way tie among Kristina Eimer, Stephen Kennedy and Nat Walker.

All of the Polar Bears should have returned to hibernation by now but we will look forward to seeing everyone again next year.



## 2017 Shady Hollow Board of Directors Election Candidates

### Geoff Lawson

My family has been privileged to be residents of Shady Hollow since 1995. Prior to coming to Shady Hollow, I earned my undergraduate degree in computer science and my master's degree in finance from Texas A&M University. Professionally, I started my career in banking and have since owned and managed various companies including; a finance company, a courier company, as well as a concrete coatings firm. Currently my focus is in real estate investments.

During the last 2 years on the Shady Hollow Board of Directors I have chaired the finance committee and during 2016 I served as the lead volunteer overseeing the 4th of July festivities. Prior to my service on the Shady Hollow Board of Directors, it was my honor to act as the President of the Board of The Shady Hollow Stingrays. I have been married to my wonderful wife Janet for 24 years and I have two teenage girls. I look forward to the opportunity to serve this community.

### James Elizondo

My Family has lived in Shady Hollow since May of 2009. I graduated from Round Rock High School in 1993. After graduation I attended the University of Minnesota where I met my wife, Trisha. After graduation we moved to Colorado and began our family in Parker. Our two children were born there and are currently in 8th (Lane) and 5th (Caitlin) grades at the Regents School of Austin. I have always worked in the field of Construction. My career began with US Homes which then became Lennar Homes. I was also the general manager of a commercial land-

scape company in Denver before we moved our family to Austin. Since living in Austin I have remained in Construction working for myself. My family has been involved with the Shady Hollow Stingrays since we moved here. It is an organization that our children love and my wife and I take great satisfaction in volunteering for. I enjoy our community and take pride in living here. I would like to volunteer to be on the board to give back to our neighborhood.

### Mike Cain

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the Residents of Shady Hollow. My wife Vicki and I moved to this neighborhood in 1998. We were drawn to the area for many of the same reasons most others have been – nice houses, tree lined streets, the parks and pool, low crime, and great schools. We have raised our family here and have enjoyed all the community events through the years.

I am retired from the military after over 30 years of service. I earned a BS in Business Management from West Texas State University and while in the military gained an extensive background in Emergency Management at the local, state, and national level. I have been active as a volunteer in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Shady Hollow Stingrays. I have been a member of the Shady Hollow Board for the past two years and value the efforts of everyone in keeping the neighborhood up to the standards outlined in our covenants.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue serve the residents of this great community.

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

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# 2017 Board Candidates Cont.

## Jacob Youngblood

Originally from Houston, I came to Austin nearly 20 years ago for College at The University of Texas. After graduating with a degree in Advertising, I worked in the trade education industry developing websites, curriculum, and marketing in an online environment. . Today, I own and operate my own online education company, as well as, am a Loan Originator and Real Estate Broker helping people sell, purchase and finance their homes. In my free time, I love spending time with my wife and 1-year-old boy and am a pretty avid football fan.

My main interest in being a board member would be continuing the success and sustainability of the neighborhood. By learning and understanding the issues and concerns from our neighbors, I feel I can contribute time, support, and encourage collaboration to reach solutions necessary for our neighborhood to thrive. I absolutely love Shady Hollow and am interested in preserving what makes our neighborhood so great.

## Gregg Sales

Gregg Sales and his family moved to Shady Hollow in January of 2006. Gregg and his wife Camille both have architecture degrees from the University of Florida and the University of Texas respectively. After working in the architecture field for 19 years Gregg started a technology company called BlueBolt Technology Maintenance which concentrates primarily on architecture and engineering firms. Gregg has been on the Shady Hollow Stingray

board for 8+ years. Gregg has served on the HOA board as secretary for the past two years and Community Center Chair for the past year. Gregg and Camille have two children, a daughter who is 18 and a son who is 16.

## Ann Weitzman

My name is Ann Weitzman. I am an elementary school teacher at a neighboring school with a Masters degree in Education and Administration. Since my husband and I moved our two girls to Shady Hollow almost three years ago, we have felt like we are truly home. Our neighborhood is a community of amazing individuals, many of whom I have the privilege to call my friends. Along the way, these friendships have enabled me to play some important roles in our community, such as tutor to a handful of Baranoff students, and board member for the Shady Hollow Stingrays. I have really enjoyed learning more about our community and its amazing people through these roles and hope that acting as a board member for the neighborhood HOA will afford me the opportunity to become more involved, to learn more, and to continue to offer my expertise to ensure that Shady Hollow, while growing and changing with the 21<sup>st</sup> century, also remains the neighborhood we fell in love with.

## Susan Morey

I joined the Shady Hollow community in May 1998 by marrying long-time resident Don Wallace and joining him on Sesbania Drive. We have been happily raising two boys, Michael and William, in Shady Hollow and when we decided to move to a larger home in 2015, we worked hard to stay in the community, moving to Indian Point that summer. Both boys attended Baranoff Elementary and are now in high school (LASA) and middle

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# SHHOA Calendar

## JANUARY

**Martin Luther King Day  
Office Closed  
Mon, Jan 16**

**SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)  
7:00pm Thu, Jan 19**

## FEBRUARY

**SHHOA Meet the Candidate Forum (CC)  
TBA**

**SHHOA Annual General Membership Meeting (CC)  
7:00pm Thu, Feb 16**

**SHHOA Board Meeting (CC)  
Thu, Feb 16  
Immediately following AGM Meeting**

**Board of Directors**

**President**

Mike Cain

**Vice President**

Jim Bateman

**Treasurer**

Geoff Lawson

**Secretary**

Gregg Sales

**Members**

Laura Kennedy

Ryan Merriman

Rebecca Shaw

Aaron Vollmer

Mary Ellen Mathis

Dave O'Rourke

Russell Downey

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**Susan Morey  
Cont.**

school (Kealing) respectively. Both have enjoyed being Stingrays and competing in neighborhood events such as the Turkey Trot and July 4<sup>th</sup> events. I have enjoyed meeting neighbors through these and other events and through volunteering for the swim team. Professionally I earned my undergraduate degree in mathematics at the University of Missouri Columbia and my Ph.D. in mathematics at Rutgers University. After working in a post-doctoral position at UT Austin, I was hired at Texas State University in 1997, where I am now a Professor of mathematics and the Chair of the Department of Mathematics.

**Mike Wilson**

My family and I have enjoyed living in Shady Hollow for 12 years. I am seeking your support to serve as a member of the Shady Hollow board because I would like to give back to this remarkable community that has enriched our lives. In my professional career as a biomedical research scientist and administrator, I have worked for biotech companies, the National Institutes of Health and academic institutions for nearly 30 years. I am currently a laboratory director at the University of Texas at Austin. My goal as a board member will be to always act in the best interest of Shady Hollow home owners, to help oversee the responsible management of the budg-

et and operations, and to support the continued improvement of our neighborhood as a safe and thriving community.

**Be a Good Neighbor—Curtail Your Dogs Barking**

Dogs left alone all day get bored and restless, and many find relief in barking. Some respond noisily to any and all activity. But, nothing is as annoying as incessant barking—even for dog lovers. If your dog is a yapper or a yowler, please consider some of these bark-abatement ideas to keep the noise down in your area. Your neighbors will thank you!

• Training. Always the first recommendation for any behavioral problem! Help is as close as the Yellow Pages. Training not only helps your dog, you'll be surprised how much it helps you, too. You may get some insight into *why* your dog barks so much, or what it is trying to communicate.

• Citronella collars. A humane alternative to the electric-shock, anti-barking collar and costs about the same. Available on the web and in pet stores.

• Confinement. Sometimes simply bringing an outspoken dog indoors or confining it to a crate can cut down on the disturbance to neighbors.

• Reduce stimulus. Close drapes to help muffle street noise, or leave a radio on to mask it. Disconnect telephones and doorbells before leaving your home if they upset your dog or make it bark.

• Companionship. Dogs are pack animals; they need companionship—a cat, bird, or another dog. Consider a mid-day visit from a pet-sitting service, or drop your pooch off at a friend's place or a day-care facility once or twice a week.

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The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 6, 2016, at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All Directors were present.

Randy Wilburn, the attorney handling the District’s water rate case against the city, updated the Board on the status of the rate case. He stated the city requested a meeting to discuss possible settlement. After discussion, the Board authorized its attorneys and President Stried to discuss settlement with the city following certain general parameters and subject to final approval by the Board.

**The Constable’s report for December included the following:**



- worst of the speeders: 47/30 (no location given);
- community contact – spoke with residents walking dogs, jogging, using parks; regular patrols of parks, schools, parking lots;
- citizen provided license plate number of suspicious vehicle with packages seen leaving Shady Hollow (Capistrano); complaint that traffic light not cycling properly-seemed ok when checked (Capistrano/Brodie); complaint of golf cart driving fast in street & park (Whiskey River/Festus); mattress dumped near basketball goal (Doe Run); report of vehicle leaving the scene of collision (Capistrano); deer caught in iron fence-removed & deer ran off (Piute); 2-car collision, no injuries (Green Emerald/Brodie);
- **assist TCSO:** collision (Indian Pt / Brodie); report of abandoned vehicle-broken down - contacted owner (Spotted Horse); vehicle in ditch (Frate Barker/Brodie); report of suspicious persons-checked ok-remodeling residence (Capistrano/Stormy Ridge); report of cut-thru traffic running stop signs (Squirrel Hollow).

**Lake Travis is 101% full – why conserve water?**



Using less water today means there will be enough water to go around in the future. **Conserving water also conserves energy by reducing the amount of electricity needed to provide water and wastewater services. Reducing water usage saves money by decreasing the need for new infrastructure and the costs associated with construction.**

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 [jalinvil@gmail.com](mailto:jalinvil@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/>. If you have further questions, you can contact the group organizer through the website.

# DRAFT December 15 Board Meeting Minutes

## Board Members Present

Mike Cain, Russ Downey, Laura Kennedy, Geoff Lawson, Mary Ellen Mathis, Ryan Merriman, Dave O'Rourke, Gregg Sales & Aaron Vollmer

## Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuate

## Board Members Absent

Jim Bateman, Rebecca Shaw

## Others in Attendance

None

## Legend

CC - Community Center

GM - General Manager

## Meeting start

7:02 pm

## Current Agenda

- Motion to approve a change to the order of the meeting by Geoff Lawson seconded by David O'Rourke. Approval unanimous.

## Previous Minutes

- Motion to approve the October minutes by Mary Ellen Mathis seconded by Laura Kennedy Approval unanimous.

## Old Business

- Motion to approve the finishes that were chosen by the CC committee and presented to the board by Gregg Sales seconded by Geoff Lawson. Approval unanimous.

## Citizen Communication

- None

## Managers' Report - Darin Laracuate

Reviewed the following:

### Office

- The November newsletter went out on time.
- The assessment letters will be going out soon.

### Finance

- \$1,649 under budget on expenditures for the month.

## Deed Restriction Violations

- Total violations contacted during the month - 46. Resolved as of today's meeting - 32

## Parks

- Replaced the Doe Run timer on the tennis courts
- The tennis court lights have gone out at Capistrano.

## Treasurers Report - Geoff Lawson

Reviewed profit and loss status. MMR currently showing \$239,000. Expecting approximately \$250,000 by the end of the year.

## Committee Report

1. Executive - No meeting
2. Finance - No meeting
3. Recreation - No meeting
4. Community Center - No meeting
5. Welcome - No meeting
6. Annexation - No meeting

## New Business

- Motion to approve spending \$3200 to purchase an updated reserve study by Geoff Lawson, seconded by David O'Rourke. Approval unanimous.

The board directs the GM to increase the transfer fee from \$150 to \$300

## Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Geoff Lawson, seconded by Mary Ellen Mathis. Approval unanimous.

Meeting ended 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Gregg Sales, Secretary.



Cub Scout Pack 82 will hold its **Annual Christmas Tree Recycling** event on January 14th from 9-11am @ the Shady Hollow Community Center Lower Parking Lot.

**Please do not bring/leave any trees after January 14 at 11pm or bring trees in plastic bags.**

# SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

## SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
12/31/16	\$41,006	\$57,810	(\$46,367)	(\$240)	\$52,208	\$11,203
Y-T-D	\$19,087	\$631,875	(\$562,194)	(\$36,560)	\$52,208	\$33,121

## SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
12/31/16	\$201,609	\$24	(\$23,582)	\$240	\$178,291	(\$23,318)
Chase MRR 6610	\$55,479	\$2	\$0	(\$38,322)	\$17,158	(\$38,321)
Chase MRR Checking 2895	\$5,020	\$0	(\$23,582)	\$38,562	\$20,000	\$14,980
Compass MRR 2471	\$138,110	\$23	\$0	\$0	\$138,133	\$23
Compass MRR Checking 1947	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Y-T-D	\$170,608	\$2,810	(\$31,687)	\$36,560	\$178,291	\$7,683

## COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
12/31/16	\$242,614	\$57,834	(\$69,949)	\$0	\$230,499	(\$12,115)
Y-T-D	\$189,695	\$634,684	(\$593,881)	\$0	\$230,499	\$40,803

## Association Uses Reserve Specialist in Budget Prep

Certain expensive common elements must be replaced every 10, 15, or 20 years.

Part of preparing the budget includes calculating how much money the association must set aside this year so we have the needed funds when the concrete or hot water heaters need to be replaced. To make sure we estimate as accurately as possible, we work closely with a reserve specialist.

The reserve specialist will prepare a study that will provide the board with guidance on how to keep our association's physical assets from deteriorating faster than our financial assets increase.

The reserve specialist will visit the community to inspect it and prepare a written reserve study for the association. That report will

include an inventory of all common area items, recommendations on what needs to be replaced and when, what the replacements will cost, and a plan for paying for them.

The reserve specialist chosen by the board has the expertise and experience to accurately determine the life cycles of our common components and will help the board estimate the cost to repair or replacement them.

The reserve specialist is also expert at analyzing the financial resources needed to maintain the common elements over time and will advise the board how to balance the size of the reserve fund against the deterioration of the common elements.

Since the community's physical assets are constantly decaying, the guidance of a reserve specialist will help the board protect those assets and keep the community looking its best at all times—and that helps protect our property values!

## Welcome New Members!

**Jennifer & Hans Felix**  
11205 Holster Ct.

**Cynthia & Daniel King**  
3506 Indian Point Dr.

**Stacey Wahlstrom**  
3001 Six Gun Tr.

Please come to the office to pick up a directory and update your information.

We look forward to meeting you!

## Classifieds

### 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.



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## FREE TREES

TreeFolks, a local non-profit organization, is offering free trees to our community through its [NeighborWoods program](#). Planting trees decreases energy bills, provides cooling shade during our hot summers, and makes our neighborhood more beautiful. Participation in the program is completely free. The only 'catch' is that you have to plant and care for the trees.

To get a free tree for your house, come to one of TreeFolks' upcoming free tree giveaway events. Trees are available at the events on a first come, first served basis, one per person. Bring your friends and family and come early to ensure that you all get your trees. If you can't make it to one of the events, you can [fill out this form](#) to request to have trees delivered right to your door (also free). All Austin Energy customers are eligible.

**WHO:** TreeFolks & Austin Energy Customers

**WHAT:** Free Tree Giveaway of 1,000 Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees

**WHEN:** JAN. 21, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**WHERE:** [ACC Highland Campus](#)

**SHARE:** Visit the [Facebook event page here](#).

To learn more about TreeFolks and the NeighborWoods program, please visit [www.treefolks.org/nw](http://www.treefolks.org/nw) For further questions, contact [shade@treefolks.org](mailto:shade@treefolks.org) or call 512-443-5323.