



Shady Hollow HOA

Shady Hollow Highlights

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4. If you are 15 years or older and would like to help, please email jed@close2myhome.com

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

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2015 SHHOA General Annual Meeting

Congratulations Mike Cain, Geoff Lawson, Gregg Sales, Ryan Merriman, Rebecca Shaw, and Aaron Vollmer! Welcome to the SHHOA Board of Directors.

As a recognized homeowners association, our community has a board to help our HOA run smoothly. The board consists of volunteers who execute a wide variety of tasks you may not be aware of; however, their work affects every single resident.

One of the most important things the board does is create and enforce the association rules. While some residents may not like being told what they can and can't do, ultimately the board is looking out for the greater good. By enforcing the rules, the board is doing its best to keep property value up and conflicts down. Of course, the board wants to make sure the rules are beneficial for the majority—and hopefully all—residents. You are welcome to raise concerns about the rules at open board meetings.

Another major responsibility of the board is to collect assessments from homeowners. Collecting this money is important for the stability of the association, because the assessments pay for the common elements enjoyed by all residents. Assessments also help to replenish the reserve funds, which pay for any major repairs the association may need. The board is responsible for the association's finances, and collecting assessments is how it ensures that the association remains solvent.

Finally, the board acts on behalf of the association by hiring managers, attorneys, contractors and other professionals who help better the associa-

tion. Board members also help conceive and lead many of the projects that will improve the HOA.

While it's a big job, board members are happy to serve the residents and make the community a great place to call home. So why not learn more about what these volunteers do by talking to your board members, attending an open board meeting or even running for a seat on the board during our next election?

Message From the Constable

Golf Carts on Public Roadways

According to Texas Transportation Code, Section 551.403, an operator of a golf cart can do so in any one of the following ways:

1. In a master planned community that has in place a uniform set of restrictive covenants and has an approved plat from the county or municipality (**Shady Hollow HOA is NOT a master planned community**)

OR

2. On a beach

OR

3. On a public road with a speed limit of not more than 35mph AND operating only during the daytime AND not more than 2 miles from the location where the golf cart is usually parked AND is going to or from a golf course.

Unless #1 applies to your neighborhood or your golf cart has a VIN and is a regularly registered vehicle (like your car), driving a golf cart on the streets is illegal.

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!

MOPAC Presentation at the SHHOA Community Center

By Pam Baggett
SHHOA Board

Organizations and elected officials are taking notice of the important of the South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance. Representatives of the MoPac Intersections Study and South MoPac improvements project team, including the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA), will set up displays at



the Shady Hollow Community Center 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

They will be available to talk to people and answer questions about these projects, plus the CTRMA 2040 plan. Individuals also will have a chance to submit questions and opinions about the plans.



SHHOA Traffic Chair Pam Baggett

Shady Hollow Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**Saturday, April 4,
2-4 p.m. Rain or Shine!**

Each participating child is asked to bring a dozen age-appropriate pre-stuffed eggs and a basket for hunting.

Come on out and join us for:

- Pictures with the Easter Bunny,
- Ride the Shady Hollow Express Train,
- Tiny Tails to You miniature petting zoo,
- Bunny Hop Dance Party,
- Bounce House,
- Arts & Crafts

Come and join us for baskets of family fun rain or shine.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few volunteers to help the day of the event. If you are 15 years or older and would like to help out, please email our coordinator, John Ed Marchak at jed@close2myhome.com



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Hello From the Pool!

By Wade Duncan
Shady Hollow Pool Manager,
Lifeguard Extraordinaire,
and a super-swell guy

Aloha, once again!

Pool season is on its way! I've already been getting inquiries about summer employment and lifeguard classes at the pool this season. Here goes:

Applications are being revised and changed a little bit from last year, and will soon be available at the SHHOA office in the Community Center on Doe Run. As always, applicants need to be at least 16 years old to lifeguard for Shady Hollow. It's not uncommon for 15 year olds with spring and summer birthdays to go ahead and apply. If they are hired, they may begin working as soon as they turn 16. Most lifeguard certifying agencies will train individuals 15 years old, occasionally even 14. Some pools in the area might employ and schedule guards who are 15; you know, for those who just can't wait to get started. At Shady Hollow, they must be 16 to WORK.

Many places that offer lifeguard classes do them during Spring Break. This week and next week being Spring Break for most of the Austin and surrounding area, you might think you are already behind the curve. This is not so. Although Spring Break is a good time to get the kids when they are out of school, the water is still WAY TOO COLD for us. Most of those places have indoor pools, or at least heated outdoor pools. We do not. Last year I held the classes in late April and mid May, and even the April dates still had pretty frigid water. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time to apply, get trained, get hired, and start working (not necessarily in that order, except the latter). For obvious reasons, it's usually best for lifeguard candidates to already be pretty strong swimmers.

I am a Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor and Water Safety Instructor. Coming up I've got a couple of Red Cross classes: a Lifeguard certification class (for those not currently Red Cross certified), and a Lifeguard renewal class (for those currently certified but about to expire). I don't have the specific dates ironed out yet, but it looks like the renewal class

will be in late April again this year and the new guard class will be toward the first part of May. I will work out the specific dates as soon as possible. Last year was a hard year for pools and aquatic facilities all over the state. There was a major shortage of available lifeguards for some unknown reason. We'll see what happens this year, but my class dates may be contingent upon other factors such as this and the need for certified lifeguards within a given timeframe.

The basic LG class is typically done in the evenings over the span of 1 to 2 weeks (ambiguity on the timeframe comes from the students' availability after school with clubs and sports, etc., and my flexibility with them). The recertification class is considerably shorter. Class size is limited to 10



students for each class. Although this is usually not a problem, it is first come, first served, so if you think you might be interested, get in touch me soon and I will start putting your names on a list.

Ballpark prices for the classes are going to be somewhere around \$100 for the renewal class, and \$200 for the beginner class. These prices are not exact, and not set in stone! The price you pay will include the required materials... besides a bathing suit. I try to keep the prices cheaper, rather "more affordable", than anywhere else since I know many of the kids may be having to pay for this themselves.

NOTE: Attendance and completion of these classes will not guarantee employment with SHHOA pool, but having a current and valid Lifeguard certification is required. Current certification is not necessary to apply, but applicants will need to have completed and passed LG training with current proof of certification before they begin working.

Red Cross is the much preferred certification for employment with Shady Hollow, though I am not yet excluding all others. I am on a path working toward that goal however, to get all lifeguards trained to the same procedures and standards. There are other Red Cross instructors and locations in Austin if my timeline doesn't agree with yours, or if I just plain rub you wrong. Either way, remember: Red Cross is the standard. SOME of the YMCA's out there may still be teaching Red

SHHOA Calendar

SHHOA Board Meeting
7 p.m. March 19

Easter Egg Hunt
2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 4

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

Hello From The Pool Cont.

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Cross courses, but I think this number is dwindling so that they can teach their own, in-house, courses.

The pool schedule is coming soon as things are getting under way. It's usually weekends until school lets out, then open daily besides Mondays. Last year, we kept the pool open in the evenings after school started back. Depending on LG availability and a few other factors, we may try to do this again this year. Otherwise, once school is back in for the year, we will be back to weekends only. When applying, please be specific with as much information as possible regarding starting and ending dates, as well as dates during the year that you

will not be able to work. Let me know if the applicant is turning 16 during the pool season or if enrolled/ currently taking a LG course.

I'll be happy to help you with any other questions you have. You can get in touch with me through the HOA office. Once again, applications will be available soon. Check with the HOA office for availability on those. I think I covered everything for now. Did I cover everything for now? I don't know.

See y'all soon.

SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS

| MONTH END | STARTING BALANCE | INCOME | EXPENSE | ENDING BALANCE | NET CHANGE |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 2/28/15 | \$110,815 | \$73,865 | (\$55,891) | \$128,789 | \$17,974 |
| Y-T-D | \$23,971 | \$225,970 | (\$111,163) | \$138,778 | \$114,807 |

SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS

| MONTH END | STARTING BALANCE | INCOME | EXPENSE | ENDING BALANCE | NET CHANGE |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|----------------|------------|
| 2/28/15 | \$231,384 | \$4,619 | \$0 | \$236,003 | \$4,619 |
| Chase MRR 6610 | \$69,080 | \$4,590 | \$0 | \$73,670 | \$4,590 |
| Chase MRR Checking 2895 | \$21,717 | \$0 | \$0 | \$21,717 | \$0 |
| Compass MRR 2471 | \$137,587 | \$29 | \$0 | \$137,616 | \$29 |
| Compass MRR Checking 1947 | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$0 |
| Y-T-D | \$226,765 | \$4,619 | \$0 | \$236,003 | \$9,238 |

COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS

| MONTH END | STARTING BALANCE | INCOME | EXPENSE | ENDING BALANCE | NET CHANGE |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| 2/28/15 | \$342,199 | \$78,484 | (\$55,891) | \$364,792 | \$22,593 |
| Y-T-D | \$250,736 | \$230,589 | (\$111,163) | \$374,781 | \$124,045 |

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By Cindy Nettles

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

The District's annual financial report was presented by Ms. Laura Jones of Maxwell Locke & Ritter, the District's auditor. Ms. Jones stated that the report was an unmodified opinion, which she said is the best type of opinion. The Board approved the report as presented.

Chris Lane, the District's financial advisor, addressed the Board regarding a possibility of refinancing the fire station bonds to take advantage of lowered interest rates. Ms. Lane and Mr. Haag explained the process at length. Ms. Lane noted the process might not be feasible for the District, given the short time available prior to annexation in which to realize savings. The Board agreed saving taxpayer money prior to annexation would be a good thing, and authorized Ms. Lane to continue her analysis.



The Constable's report for February included the following:

- ▶ citations issued: ran stop sign (Reynosa/Lost Oasis); expired inspection sticker & LP, driving w/suspended license (Brodie); illegal turn, expired inspection sticker (Baranoff);
- ▶ teens "parking"-neither lawfully permitted to drive-parents called to pick them up (Edwards Hollow Run); contacted TNR about pothole on Capistrano; assisted lost driver-looking for Bailey MS gym (Lost Oasis); spoke w/owner of vehicle parked in driveway, running & unoccupied (Tecate); traffic hazard-car parked partially in roadway-asked owner to move it (Green Emerald);
- ▶ **suspicious persons:** two guys wearing yellow traffic vests-contractors checking electrical poles for Austin Energy (Shady Valley, Apache Forest);
- ▶ **suspicious vehicles:** parked near dead end-belonged to worker (Green Emerald); parked near park-checked ok (Cotulla); parked in "unusual" place-checked ok (Cotulla);
- ▶ **assist TCSO:** dispute over property (Festus); fight in progress (Stormy Ridge); welfare check (Saddle Mtn); disturbance (Festus); theft (Hobbiton); suspicious noise in house-cleared ok (Bliss Spillar).



All that cold drizzle in February didn't amount to much in total rainfall for the month. We are heading into spring with Stage 2 watering restrictions still in effect. The city has been reviewing its Stage 3 restrictions in anticipation of worsening drought conditions.

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/>. 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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Call me at 512-825-8532

Babysitter

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

Caylah Moore, 16
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CPR certified
282-2696

Neighborhood Pet Sitter

\$7.50 1st animal, \$2.50 each additional animal per visit. 10 years of caring for Shady Hollow pets with loving care.

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or text to 809-4280

DRAFT February General Annual Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance

President Peter Varteressian, Vice President Carol Vance, Secretary Laureen Chernow, Allen Barr, Russ Downey, Pam Baggett-Wallis, Laura Kennedy

Board Members not in Attendance

Treasurer Bill Aleshire

Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuente, Kathy Robertson

Others in Attendance

City of Austin Councilwoman District 8 Ellen Troxclair, TxDOT Environmental Affairs Director Carlos Swonke, Shady Hollow MUD President Dr. Ron Stried, and other members and guests per sign-in list.

Meeting was called to order by President Peter Varteressian at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed the members and thanked General Manager Darin Laracuente and Administrative Assistant Kathy Robertson for their great work on behalf of the Shady Hollow HOA. He introduced outgoing and ongoing board members, and then called for candidate speeches. Following the speeches he asked for candidate nominations from the floor; there were none. Following a 10-minute break for ballots to be cast, voting was closed.

Guest speakers: Ellen Troxclair updated the group on the new City Council, her areas of interest and invited members to contact her by phone, email or Facebook, noting that even though Shady Hollow is not currently in the City of Austin, she represents many communities around Shady Hollow. She can be reached at 512-978-2108 and ellen.troxclair@austintexas.gov.

TxDOT Environmental Affairs Director Carlos Swonke reported on the status of SH SW45 and gave a slide presentation that brought to light all the state-of-the-art environmental protections that the new road would bring, allowing no environmental impact to Flint Cave which sits 350 feet from the roadway as designed. He also discussed the karst features along Brodie and Slaughter Lanes and the environmental impact runoff from those roads cause to the aquifer since they have no environmental safeguards and many are closer to the roadways.

MUD President Dr. Ron Stried told those in attendance that MUD operations (water and waste water) would be turned over to the City of Austin Water Utility in April 2018 as planned, and that annexation by the City would occur on Dec. 15, 2020. Residents will begin paying City taxes for the year 2021 and that those taxes are currently about 10 times what Shady Hollow residents pay as County residents. The City has inspected the wa-

ter and waste water system and found only minor deficiencies. The MUD Board will determine how to spend down any monies being held by the Board, including that from the sale of the MUD office building on Capistrano, to best benefit Shady Hollow prior to it being annexed. Members voiced concern about the lessening of law enforcement protection once the City annexes, since the MUD pays for additional County Constable coverage.

Committee Reports

Traffic Committee Chair Pam Baggett announced the upcoming meeting of the South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance, also known as SoBro and that both SoBro and SH SW45 have Facebook pages for current information.

Allen Barr presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Bill Aleshire, who was unable to attend. He requested the General Manager fix a typo in the report and thanked Bill for his hard work as Treasurer.

Election Results

170 votes cast, 12 were deemed invalid by the Election Committee. Total votes for each candidate: Mike Cain, 128; Geoff Lawson, 120; Greg Sales, 110; Ryan Merriman, 104; Rebecca Shaw, 102; Aaron Vollmer, 101; Laureen Chernow, 88; Peter Varteressian, 87; Linda Edwards, 67; Allen Barr, 66. Write-in votes cast: Marie White, 1; Mike Crep, 1; Ron Stried, 1; Melanie Wasicek, 1; Doris Humphrey, 1; Debbie Peterson, 1.

Annual Membership Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



DRAFT February Meeting Minutes

Shady Hollow Home Owners Association

February Board Meeting

February 19, 2015

As the most senior officer who was leaving the Board, Carol Vance was asked to open the meeting for the purpose of electing Board officers for the new term. She called the meet-



ing to order at 9:10 p.m. and proceeded to open the floor for nominations for President. Board member Geoff Lawson nominated Mike Cain for President and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Newly elected President Mike Cain then asked for nominations for Vice President. He also took the opportunity to nominate Russell Downey for that office. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Newly elected President Mike Cain then asked for nominations for Treasurer. Board member Aaron Vollmer nominated Geoff Lawson for the position. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Newly elected President Mike Cain then asked for nominations for Secretary. Board member Ryan Merriman nominated Gregg Sales and the vote was unanimous in favor.

With the election of officers completed, President Cain announced that the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



**ATTENTION LIFEGUARDS
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WILL HAVE APPLICATIONS FOR
THE 2015 SWIM SEASON AVAILABLE AT
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Welcome New Members!

Cynthia Reiser
11400 Boothill 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!

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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What the heck is a divergent diamond intersection, anyway?

This is just one of dozens of questions you may have about South MoPac expansions and intersections, as well as SH 45 SW, will be answered by experts from CAMPO, CTRMA, and TxDOT at the South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance March meeting.



5:30—7:30 Thursday, March 12

Shady Hollow Community Center, 3303 Doe Run.

Please share with friends in all neighborhoods along Brodie Lane, South of Slaughter, and east toward Manchaca.



Let the Diving Begin!

The time is quickly approaching to **DIVE** into the 2015 summer league swim team season, and the Shady Hollow Stingrays are getting ready to start the registration process. We are looking for eager, energetic swimmers and their enthusiastic, supportive parents to help make our summer season an exciting and rewarding one.

ON-LINE ONLY REGISTRATION BEGINS (You **CANNOT** register at the Shady Hollow Office)

Friday, March 27th, 2015

www.shadyhollowstingrays.com

KICK OFF PARTY & FINAL DAY TO REGISTER

Saturday, May 2, 2015

1-4 p.m.

Capistrano Park & Pool

Group Swim Team Photo at 3:00 p.m.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Swim practice begins after school!

**Evaluations for 6 & Under Swimmers will be done prior to
Final Registration
Date, time and place TBD**

If you or your business would like to **SPONSOR THE STINGGRAYS**
please contact Daryn Crawford at drjcraw@yahoo.com

