



Shady Hollow HOA

# Shady Hollow Highlights

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26. If you are 15 years or older and would like to help, please email [jed@hellonabr.com](mailto:jed@hellonabr.com)

March Board Meeting has been cancelled due to lack of quorum caused by the Spring Break vacation. See you in April!

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## 2015 SHHOA General Annual Meeting

Congratulations Jim Bateman, Mary Ellen Mathis, Laura Kennedy, Ken Schrock, and David O'Rourke! 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 fi-

nances, 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 association. 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?

## Hail and Farewell

By Mike Cain  
Board President

With the closing of the Shady Hollow HOA Board election I'd like to welcome (Hail) our new board members. These members will do a great job in representing our community and I look forward to working with them in the coming year. Each of them brings skills to our board and will add expertise to our committees. Welcome to our new board members!!

I'd be remiss in not recognizing the contributions of Russ Downey and Pam Baggett as

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## 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](http://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!

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they leave their posts on the Board. Both gave freely of their time and talent and our community is a better place due to their efforts.

Thanks to both of you, farewell, and I appreciate your service.

Russ served our community many years as the Welcome Committee Chair, the Community Center Chair, and during this last year being the Vice President on the Executive Committee. He spent his time willingly, welcoming new residents to our neighborhood and encouraging their involvement. As the Community Center Chair he made strides in improving the facility and his efforts will continue to be seen in coming improvements. Many of you probably are aware that he also served as the organizer of the past three years 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities in the neighborhood.

Pam worked tirelessly on several fronts during her terms on the Board. As the Traffic Committee Chair she represented the community in improving our situation with Brodie Lane, engaging elected officials and organizing support of SH 45SW. Pam spent countless hours building consensus in the neighborhood through organizing. Keep Brodie Local and South Brodie Neighborhood Alliance (SoBro) were both created and organized by Pam. Communicating our neighborhoods position to Travis County and our elected officials made a difference in many instances.

Over the years our board has benefited from great residents who stepped forward to do a little more for our community. The same can be said for other volunteers. Many did so without thanks or acknowledgement, I can say that we have much to be thankful for and I appreciate your efforts! If you have a passion

consider serving on a committee, they need your ideas and insights. During our April meeting we'll discuss committees and moving forward.

## Shady Hollow Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**Saturday, March 26, 4-6 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,

Bunny Hop Dance Party,

Shady Hollow Train,

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@hellonabr.com](mailto:jed@hellonabr.com)

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# Hello From the Pool!

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

Hello from the pool.

Swimming season is on it's way, again! As always, here's a little info to answer some of the pool/lifeguarding questions y'all might have.

Applications are available at the SHHOA office in the Community Center on Doe Run. 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. Being that the next couple of weeks are 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 (even with this warm weather we had all winter). Most of those places have indoor pools, or at least heated outdoor pools. We do not. We work with what we've got. I typically hold the LG classes in April and mid May. Don't worry, there will be plenty of time to apply, get trained, get hired, and start working. 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.

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 with 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. There are other Red Cross instructors and locations in Austin if my timeline doesn't agree with yours. Either way, remember: Red Cross

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## SHHOA Calendar

### MARCH

#### SHHOA March Board Meeting (CC)

Cancelled due to lack of quorum caused by Spring Break.

#### SHHOA Annual Easter Egg Hunt(CC)

4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 26

### APRIL

#### SHHOA HAPPY HOUR (CC)

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 14

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



### ATTENTION LIFEGUARDS

**SHADY HOLLOW HOA  
WILL HAVE  
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2016 SWIM SEASON  
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### 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  
Ken Schrock



## Hello From The Pool Cont.

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is the standard. SOME of the YMCA's out there may still be teaching Red 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. 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. If you think you are going to be interested in getting certified, let me know as soon as possible so I have a better idea of who is wanting the course, and how many I can expect to have. Even if I have not set the dates yet, reach out to me and let me know of your/your child's interest. This helps in my scheduling of the classes. See y'all soon.

## SHHOA Monthly Financial Snapshot

SHHOA OPERATING ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	DEPOSITS	EXPENSES	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
2/29/16	\$97,528.97	\$84,553.21	(\$36,653.32)	(\$10,240.00)	\$135,188.86	\$37,659.89
Y-T-D	\$19,087.30	\$212,265.27	(\$65,923.71)	(\$30,240.00)	\$135,188.86	\$116,101.56
SHHOA MRR RESERVE ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
2/29/16	\$226,765.00	\$25.78	\$0.00	\$10,240.00	\$200,898.92	\$10,265.78
Y-T-D	\$226,765.00	\$50.59	\$0.00	\$30,240.00	\$257,055.59	\$30,290.59
COMBINED ACCOUNT STATUS						
MONTH END	STARTING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENSE	TRANSFERS	ENDING BALANCE	NET CHANGE
2/29/16	\$324,293.97	\$84,578.99	(\$36,653.32)	\$0.00	\$336,087.78	\$47,925.67
Y-T-D	\$245,852.30	\$212,315.86	(\$65,923.71)	\$0.00	\$392,244.45	\$146,392.15

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The MUD Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 2, 2016 at the MUD Office Building, 3910 Capistrano Trail. All directors were present. Also in attendance were Jimmy Rommel and Shaina Ohlson with Maxwell Locke & Ritter.

Deputy Agiewich reported a home on Silmarillion had been burglarized – TCSO is investigating.

Mr. Rommel presented the District audit, which he described as an unmodified opinion, the highest opinion the District can receive. The Board approved the audit as presented and authorized its filing with the TCEQ.

Ms. Haag reported on matters related to the May 7, 2016 Directors Election. The Board approved calling the election.

Ms. Wheeler reported the TCEQ had implemented new rules requiring water system operators to test the water more frequently and for more constituents than before in order to assure the safety of public water supplies. The new monitoring requirements will result in increased costs to the District for the more frequent testing.

Director Stried had been invited to attend a recent SHHOA board meeting, where he updated the HOA on the city's intent to have AFD occupy the Brodie Lane fire station. He stated he had clarified a number of items for the HOA, including the fact that AFD pays rent to the MUD for its use of the fire station.



#### The Constable's report for February included the following:

- ▶ worst speeder: Green Emerald (49/30);
- ▶ citations issued: speeding (Onion Hollow Run, Green Emerald, Saddle Mtn, Lost Oasis, Silmarillion, Hobbiton); speeding w/no driver's license (Onion Hollow Run x5, Ebony Hollow Pass, Lost Oasis, Green Emerald); driving on wrong side of road (Capistrano); expired registration (Onion Hollow, Green Emerald);
- ▶ **suspicious vehicle/person:** Time Warner sales rep going door-to-door (Capistrano); area resident listening to music in vehicle (Edwards Hollow);
- ▶ traffic hazard-boat anchor in road (Brodie/FM1626); assist on 2-car collision (Brodie); youths engaging in inappropriate behavior (Squirrel Hollow, Edwards Hollow x2);
- ▶ assist TCSO: alarm calls (Blacksmith, Ammunition, Baggins Cove, Holster Ct); suspicious persons (workers pouring cement at residence-Sesbania); report of possible body wrapped in blanket-blanket only, no body (Brodie/FM1626); vehicle burglary in progress-citizen tackled & fought with suspect allegedly breaking into his car (Manchaca); traffic control-major accident (Brodie/FM1626); failure to stop-vehicle fled scene of accident at Brodie/Doe Run and went on to strike vehicles in Valero parking lot-located vehicle at Slaughter-APD arrested driver.



**Central Texas goes in and out of drought status. 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.**

## 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 [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 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](mailto:jjensentx@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:lindaslater1@mac.com)  
or text to (512) 809-4280



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## DRAFT February General Annual Meeting Minutes

### Board Members Present

President Mike Cain, Vice President Russell Downey, Secretary Gregg Sales, Treasurer Geoff Lawson, Rebecca Shaw, Aaron Vollmer, Pam Baggett-Wallis, Ryan Merriman, Laura Kennedy

### Staff in Attendance

Darin Laracuenta, Kathy Robertson

### Board Members Absent

None

### Others in Attendance

Representatives from CAMPO and CTRMA, MUD President Dr. Ron Stried, Kirk Overbey (Parliamentarian), and other members and guests per sign-in list.

### Legend

CAMPO - Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
CTRMA - Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority  
SHMUD - Shady Hollow Municipal Utility District

### Meeting start

7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Cain at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed the members and thanked General Manager Darin Laracuenta and Office Manager 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

Members of CAMPO and CTRMA 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.

MUD President Dr. Ron Stried told those in attendance that MUD operations (water and wastewater) 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 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.

### Committee Reports

Geoff Lawson presented the Treasurer's Report. We came in under budget on both the Operating Budget and the Major Repair and Replacement Budgets for 2015. The Board is still considering an expenditure amount for the 2016 MRR Budget. The Community Center has been slotted for some renovation and there are items at the pool that may need attention BEFORE the time called for in our long-range study. Before any decisions are made, the Treasurer is plugging the numbers into our MRR income forecast to insure that any changes to the plan will not hinder the association's ability to move forward with any future necessary repairs or replacements.

### New Business

#### Election Results

195 Votes cast, 13 ballots and 9 proxies were deemed ineligible by the Election Committee.

Total votes for each candidate:

- Jim Bateman 163
- Mary Ellen Mathis 160
- Laura Kennedy 154
- Ken Schrock 138
- Dave O'Rourke 113

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Russell Downey 108  
 Dave Anderson 89 (withdrew)

**Meeting Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn, Rebecca Shaw, 2nd Russ Downey, approval unanimous. Meeting ended 8:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Gregg Sales.



## DRAFT February Meeting Minutes

**Shady Hollow Home Owners Association**

**February Board Meeting**

**February 18, 2015**

Mike Cain opened the meeting for the purpose of electing Board officers for the new term. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. and the floor was opened for nominations for President. Board member Geoff Lawson nominated Mike Cain for President and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Newly re-elected President Mike Cain then asked for nominations for Vice President. Ryan Merriman nominated Jim Bateman 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 Jim Bateman 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 9:15 p.m.

## Shady Hollow Neighbors Volunteer Group

A new group has been started in our part of Shady Hollow to support our neighbors who need a little extra help now and then.

Our focus is on helping people who are ill, who may need a few errands run, a ride to the doctor, house or yard work, as well as helping the seniors in our neighborhood on limited incomes that may need someone to come rake leaves, or a few small jobs such as caulking the bathtub, planting flowers, and the like.

If you would like to volunteer to help your neighbors please contact Linda Slater. If you need some help please contact Linda so she can set someone up to come over and help you.

This is a service provided by neighborhood volunteers for our area of Shady Hollow only.

Linda Slater  
 512-809-4280 Text preferred  
[lindaslater1@mac.com](mailto:lindaslater1@mac.com)



## Welcome New Members!

**Abraham Howland & Jessica Larson**  
 11405 Cotulla Dr.

**Robert Chapin & Anna Pedroza**  
 11401 Sabinal Mesa Dr.

**Daniel & Maureen Grenier**  
 4300 Reynosa Dr.

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

**We look forward to meeting you!**





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SHADY HOLLOW HOA PRESENTS

# Easter EGGSTRAVANGANZA

*Saturday, March 26 • 4-6 p.m.  
At the Community Center*

**FEATURING**

- Easter Egg Hunts *Delivered by*  TWO MEN AND A TRUCK.™  
Movers Who Care.™
- 0 – 3 Starts at 4:20 p.m.
- 4 – 7 Starts at 4:40 p.m.
- 8 – 11 Starts at 5:00 p.m.

*Donated eggs are appreciated but not required.*

- **Celebrity Appearance by The Easter Bunny**
- **Great Music**
- **Bunny Hop Dance Party**
- **Kids Train Rides**
- **Bouncy House & more surprises**



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### Let the Diving Begin!

The time is quickly approaching to **DIVE** into the 2016 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, April 1st, 2016  
[www.shadyhollowstingrays.com](http://www.shadyhollowstingrays.com)

**KICK OFF PARTY & FINAL DAY TO REGISTER**

Saturday, April 30, 2016  
1-4 p.m.

Capistrano Park & Pool  
Group Swim Team Photo at 3:00 p.m.

**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

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 Ryan Merriman at [ryanmerriman2000@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanmerriman2000@yahoo.com)

